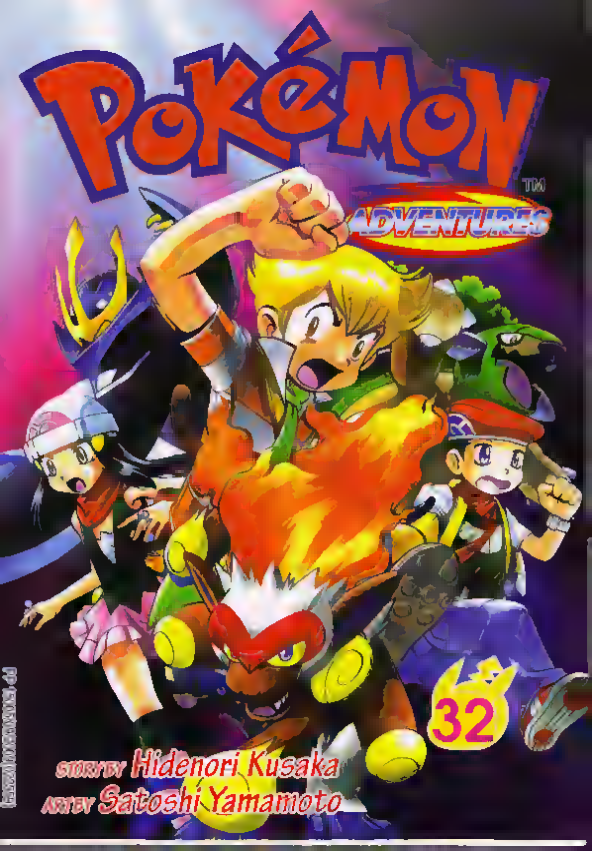
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Story
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Author's Words

Satoshi Yamamoto

Pokémon Adventures is a series where the side characters are often given famous scenes of their own, but never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that Pika and Uji would come to have such a big moment when they first appeared! I'd always lament not having given these side characters a more stylish design in such times, but I guess that is what makes them all the more cooler huh?

Hidenori Kusaka

When I feel like playing at the Kanto region, I'll insert the Fire Red/Leaf Green cartridge into my DS. When I feel like playing at Hoenn, I'll insert Ruby/Sapphire/Emerald. As for Sinnoh, needless to say, the cartridge will be Diamond/Pearl/Platinum. Wait... I'm missing one region! I can't play the Johto region with my DS! So anyway, I finally have a chance to get this off my sheet. Remakes of my favorite games! I really can't wait!

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Pokédex owners are young boys and girls who have been entrusted with a "Pokédex" from authoritative researchers. This is a story about their development as they spend time with their Pokémon, battling and growing alongside them!

Sometime, somewhere, the only daughter of the noble Berlitz family living in Sinnoh sets out on a life-changing journey. Together with her two bodyguards, she has to make her way to the peak of Mt. Coronet in order to gather materials to create a personal accessory emblazoned with the Berlitz family crest.

Meanwhile, Pearl and Diamond are aspiring comedians who won a special prize in a comedy contest held at Jubilife City. However, in an unexpected turn of events, their prize - a pair of tickets to a place of interest, gets switched with the bodyguards' job request to protect Missy Berlitz on her way to Mt. Coronet! When they meet up, Pearl and Diamond both think that Missy Berlitz is their tour guide, whereas Missy assumes them to be her bodyguards. This misunderstanding is never quite resolved, as they begin their adventure across the vast new region together!

ROARK

The gym leader of Oreburgh City who is great with fossil hunting.

GARDENIA

The bubbly girl who is in charge of Eterna Gym.

FANTINA

The alluring, soulful dancer of Hearthome City.

CYNTHIA

The mysterious lady who mastered the full regions of the Pokémon world.

PROFESSOR ROWAN

A quirky working researcher who is the authority on Pokémon evolution.

MR. BERLITZ

Missy's father. Currently working as Professor Rowan's assistant.

SEBASTIAN

The butler of the mansion, a stern protector of Missy.

PAKA AND U..

The real bodyguards who failed to protect Missy's...

MARS

One of the commanders of Team Galactic. Has a stuffy personality.

SATURN

Next-very outlaster for actual field work. In charge of the bomb.

GALACTIC GRUNTS

The rank and file of Team Galactic. They move around easily in a group.

CYRUS

The boss... Team Galactic. A man with a overwhelmingly daunting presence.

Meanwhile, the actual bodyguards who were supposed to escort Missy had discovered the misunderstanding and set out after the Dia-Pearl-Missy trio. However, Team Galactic, the mysterious organization lurking in the shadows of Sinnoh, has started to move as well. Team Galactic is planning to build a "Galactic Bomb" in order to carry out a certain plot, and to acquire enough funding to build the bomb, they turn their attention to the wealthy Berlitz family! The three youngsters continue on their journey, oblivious to this dangerous development as they are being pursued by Paka and U|| who in turn are being pursued by Team Galactic! More misunderstandings pile up one after another, as the stage of the story now moves towards Veilstone ..!!

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Pokémon ADVENTURES

Lurking beneath the scenes of the Sinnoh region is the organization known as Team Galactic. In an attempt to raise more funds for their nefarious project, they have set their sights on the wealthy Berlitz family's journeying heiress! Now that the real bodyguards of Miss Berlitz has finally caught up with the trio, will Diamond and Pearl be able to clear up the misunderstanding and gain the trust of the two men? The adventure continues in Veilstone!

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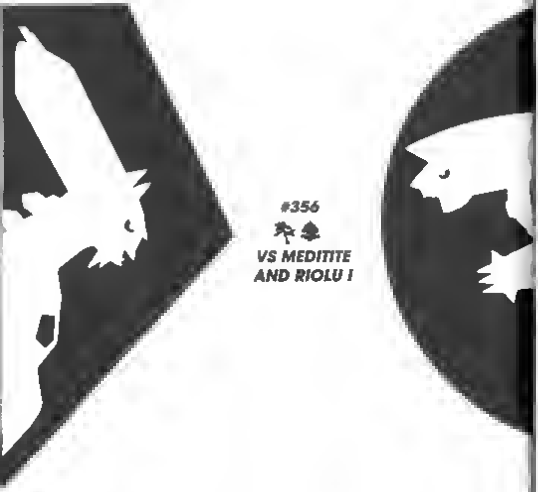
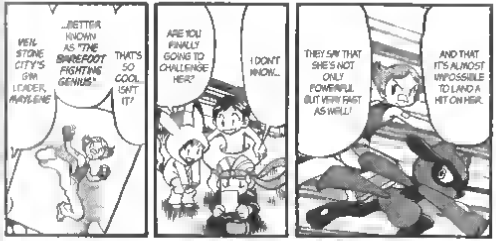



HER STONE CITY'S GYM LEADER, MAYLENE
...BETTER KNOWN AS "THE BAREFOOT FIGHTING GENIUS."
THAT'S SO COOL, ISN'T IT?
ARE YOU FINALLY GOING TO CHALLENGE HER?
I DON'T KNOW...
THEY SAY THAT SHE'S NOT ONLY POWERFUL, BUT VERY FAST AS WELL!
AND THAT IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO LAND A HIT ON HER.

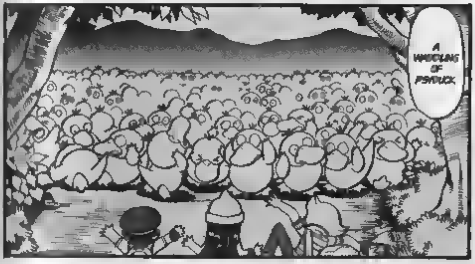
WHY NOT JUST BRING ALONG SOME ITEMS THAT CAN INCREASE ACCURACY?
HEY, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! LET'S GO GET SOME OF THOSE ITEMS RIGHT AWAY!!
EVER SINCE BECOMING THE GYM LEADER,
...I'VE BEEN CHALLENGED BY MANY PEOPLE DAY AFTER DAY...

HOW DID SOMEONE LIKE ME BECOME THE GYM LEADER?
SWISH
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE STRONG, BUT...
...SINCE I AM THE GYM LEADER NOW...
...I'LL DO MY BEST TO SHOULDER THIS RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY!
HYEAH!

SIGH...

FOR SOME REASON I FEEL SO TIRED ALL OF A SUDDEN...
OF COURSE YOU WOULD, MISSY...

REMEMBER WHAT WE BUMPED INTO IN THE MIDDLE OF ROUTE 210?

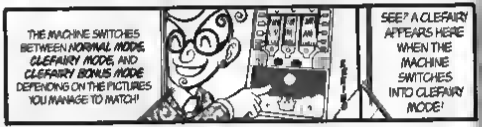

A HANDFUL OF PSYDUCK

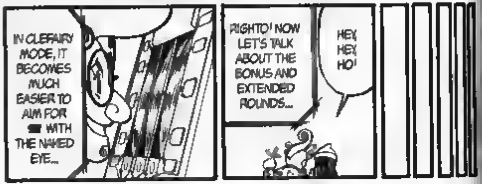
THEY COMPLETELY BLOCKED OUR PATH...
...AND WHEN WE TRIED TO SHOVE OUR WAY THROUGH, THERE WERE SO MANY OF THEM THAT WE ENDED UP GETTING STUCK IN THE MIDDLE!
RIGHT, DIA?
NYAH... WE DID OUR BEST THOUGH!

SO WE ENDED UP IN VEILSTONE CITY AFTER TAKING ROUTE 215 TO BYPASS THE PSYDUCK, BUT...
...THIS JUST PUTS US FURTHER AWAY FROM MT CORONET, DOESN'T IT?!
VEILSTONE CITY
ROUTE 215
HEARTHOME CITY
THERE'S NO POINT GETTING ALL UPSET...
WE SHOULD REST FOR NOW AND CONSIDER HOW TO PROCEED FROM HERE...
THE SUN'S ALREADY SETTING AFTER ALL.
LOOK!
THERE ARE A COUPLE OF SHIMMERING NEON LIGHTS OVER THERE!
A LITTLE TASTELESS, BUT SURELY THERE'D BE AN ACCEPTABLE HOTEL THERE.
ALL RIGHT MISSY, WE'RE GOING TO PRACTISE OUR DOUBLE ACT NOW FOR A CHANGE OF PACE SO WE'LL JOIN YOU LATER.
GO AHEAD AND CHECK INTO THE HOTEL FIRST.
ALL RIGHT.
THE CLOSER I GET, THE MORE GLARING THE LIGHTS BECOME!
WHAT AN UNUSUAL HOTEL...
THERE ISN'T EVEN A DOORMAN OR A BELLBOY COMING OUT TO MEET ME...
SLIDE
WELL, LET'S JUST TAKE A LOOK INSIDE FIRST, PONYTA AND PIPLUP.
RRRING
SMACK
SMACK
SWIRRRL

TURN, TURN, TURN! THE REELS ARE TURNING TODAY AND EVERY DAY!
MATCH THE PICTURES, AND GET MORE COINS! MORE CHANCES OF WINNING IN THE BONUS AND EXTENDED ROUNDS!

WELCOME! IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE, LITTLE LADY?
Y-YES...
THEN ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN THE GAME SYSTEM TO YOU!
HERE'S A LIST OF THE COINS YOU'LL WIN BY MATCHING THE PICTURES!

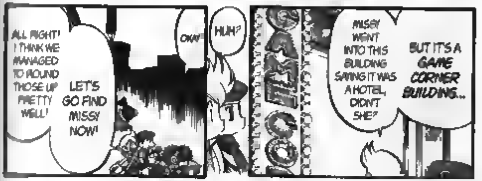

THE MACHINE SWITCHES BETWEEN NORMAL MODE, CLEFAIRY MODE, AND CLEFAIRY BONUS MODE DEPENDING ON THE PICTURES YOU MANAGE TO MATCH!
SEE? A CLEFAIRY APPEARS HERE WHEN THE MACHINE SWITCHES INTO CLEFAIRY MODE!


IN CLEFAIRY MODE, IT BECOMES MUCH EASIER TO AIM FOR WITH THE NAKED EYE...
RIGHT! NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BONUS AND EXTENDED ROUNDS...
HEY, HEY, HO!

WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON...

YOU THINK OF "ADVENTURES" AND IT SURE IS TRUE THAT THERE ARE OBSTACLES TO EVERY ADVENTURE! LIKE THOSE PSYDUCK! MAN THEY WERE A HANDFUL!
YOU DON'T SAY! AND THEY LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE HAVING HEAD-ACHES, DIDN'T THEY?
EH? THEY DID?
YEAH... POKÉMON CAN HAVE ACHES TOO, YOU KNOW...
LET'S SEE...
...HEADACHES, STOMACHACHES, BACKACHES, HARD-BOILED ACHES, SCRAMBLED ACHES...
THE LAST TWO ARE FOOD PUNS!!

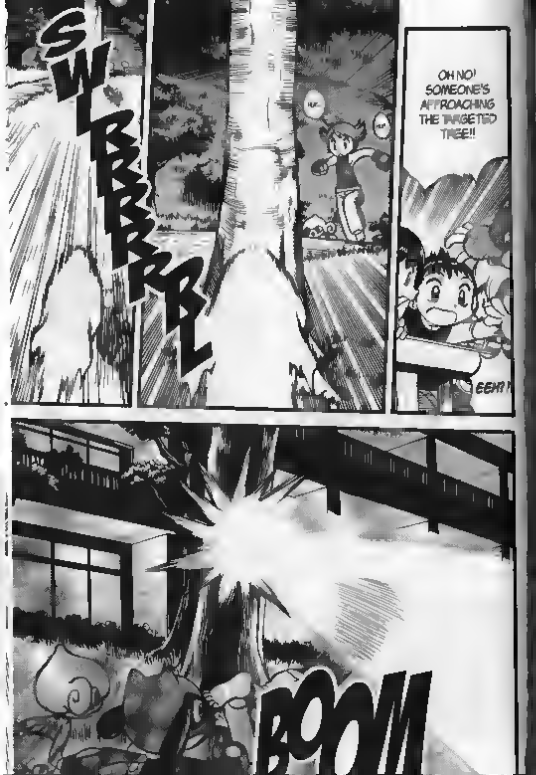
THE MORE A PSYDUCK'S HEAD HURTS, THE BETTER IT'S ABLE TO USE ITS PSYCHIC POWERS!
EH?! PSYCHIC POWERS?!
OKAY! I'LL TRY IT! HAUGH... FLOAT, POKÉBALL!
ERM... WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, MR. DIA?
MY HEAD ALWAYS HURTS FROM YOUR WHACKINGS, SO I THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO USE PSYCHIC POWERS TOO...
IT WAS FOR THE DOUBLE-EDGE HOT KNOTTING, OBVIOUSLY!
PSYDUCK USED HIS OWN HEAD!


ALL RIGHT! I THINK WE MANAGED TO ROUND THOSE UP PRETTY WELL!
LET'S GO FIND MISSY NOW!
OKAY!
HUH?
MISSY WENT INTO THIS BUILDING SAYING IT WAS A HOTEL, DIDN'T SHE?
BUT IT'S A GAME CORNER BUILDING...

RRRING
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
AH! GREAT TIMING, YOU TWO!
HOLD ON! MAY BE ABLE TO BAG A CONSECUTIVE WIN!
IF THAT HAPPENS, THE BONUS STAGE WILL CONTINUE FOR ONE MORE ROUND, AND...
AH!! I GOT A MATCH AGAIN!!
RRRING
SWIRL
I WAS INITIALLY SKEPTICAL...
...ABOUT THE SERVICES OF THIS HOTEL, BUT THE GAME IS ACTUALLY PRETTY FUN WHEN YOU GET THE HANG OF IT!
TAP
TAP
LOOKS LIKE IT REALLY IS EASIER TO GET CONSECUTIVE WINS WHEN A DIFFERENT COLORED CLEFAIRY POPS UP!
SLOTS GUIDE
SHE'S EVEN READING MAGAZINES LIKE THAT...?
HERE IT COMES!!
THE CLEFAIRY BONUS STAGE!!
IN THIS STAGE, CLEFAIRY WILL POINT TOWARDS THE REELS IN A CERTAIN SEQUENCE, AND IF I STOP THE REELS ACCORDINGLY...
...THE PICTURES WILL BE CERTAIN TO MATCH!!
TURN, TURN, TURN! THE REELS ARE TURNING TODAY AND EVERY DAY!
MATCH THE PICTURES, AND GET MORE COINS!
H-HEY, WAIT A SEC... MISSY?!
STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP!! YOU'VE GOT THINGS ALL WRONG, MISS... THIS PLACE ISN'T A HOTEL! IT'S A GAME CORNER!
ONCE YOU GET ADDICTED TO THESE SLOT MACHINES, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP!!
GRAB
LET'S GO! IT'S NOT GOOD FOR GIRLS TO BE STAYING LONG AT SUCH PLACES!!
DASH!

GUYS! I GOT THE PRIZE!
YOU'RE AMAZING, MISSY! WITH OVER 1,000 COINS, I COULD CHOOSE ANYTHING I WANTED!
"AMAZING" NOTHING!
SHE PUMPED IN SO MUCH MONEY INTO THOSE MACHINES THAT IT WOULDVE BEEN CHEAPER TO JUST BUY THAT PRIZE FROM A STORE!
OH, COME ON, PEARL! DON'T SAY THAT!
HERE, LOOK! THIS IS THE PRIZE I GOT...
TADAH!
WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A POKÉMON HELD ITEM...
...THE "FOCUS LENS"!
IT'S LIKE AN "ADVENTURE SHINY" PIECE THAT IMPROVES THE ACCURACY OF THE POKÉMON
HERE, MISSY! WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT OUT?

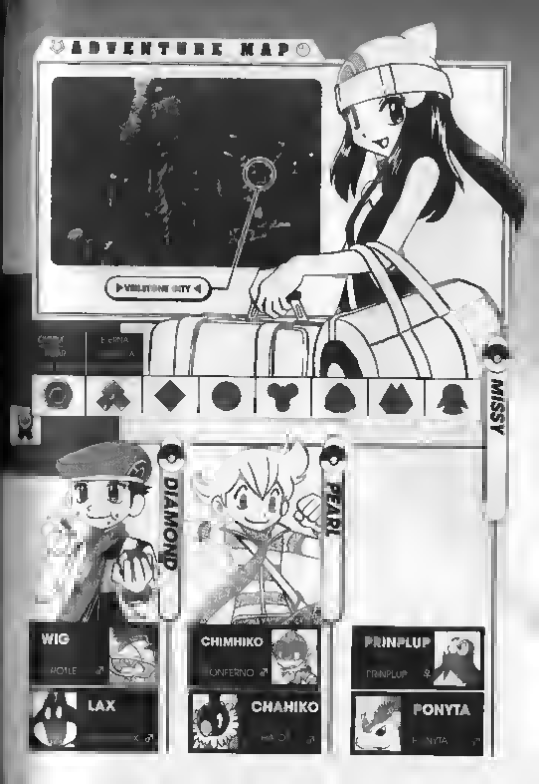
YOU CAN USE MY CHIMCHIRO! THIS FELLA'S REALLY BAD AT LONG-DISTANCE ATTACKS, SO HE'LL DO FINE!
LET ME SEE... SOMEWHERE WITHOUT PEOPLE...
I KNOW! THAT TREE OUGHT TO DO IT!
GO ON, MISSY!
OKAY!
FIX YOUR EYE ON THE TARGET...
TWITCH TWITCH TWITCH
ZOOOOM
FLINNNG


SWBBBBBL
OH NO! SOMEONE'S APPROACHING THE TARGETED TREE!!
EEK!
BOOM!
SIZZLE
GLARE
IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, BUT... SHE'S GLARING DAGGERS AT US, YOU KNOW?!
OH SHOOT, SHE'S COMING OVER! SHE MUST BE FURIOUS!!
TMP
TMP

ARE YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT? I THOUGHT I SAW SOMETHING EXPLODE!
AH, NO... WE WERE THE ONES WHO MADE THE ATTACK, SO...
IN ANY CASE...
...YOU ACTUALLY MANAGED TO HIT THE DEAD CENTER OF THAT THIN TRUNK FROM THIS DISTANCE...
YES... I WAS SURPRISED, TOO.
NONE OF YOU ARE HURT OR ANYTHING, I HOPE?
WE WERE ACTUALLY TESTING OUT THE CAPABILITIES OF THIS ITEM THAT WE'VE JUST ACQUIRED!
THIS ITEM MADE THE ATTACK ACCURATE ENOUGH TO...
AH!

HEY, MAT, S A GREAT IDEA
I HEARD SOME VOICES THIS MORNING... DISCUSSING HOW THEY WOULD CHALLENGE ME..
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN YOU GUYS, I PRESUME?
ACQUIRING SAID ITEM AS PLANNED, THEN CARRYING OUT SPECIAL TRAINING TO UNDERSTAND THE ITEM BETTER...
PEOPLE OF ACTION... SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT THEY DO...
CLENCH
SERIOUS PEOPLE... MUST BE TREATED SERIOUSLY!
ALL RIGHT!
I SHALL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT VEIN-STONE GYM!
I WILL TRAIN SERIOUSLY IN WHATEVER WAY I CAN, SO THAT...
THUMP

I WILL BE READY FOR.
WHATEVER YOU INTEND TO THROW AT ME!
SHE'S A...
GYM LEADER!!
WELL?
CAN WE EXCHANGE FOR THE LENS PRIZE YET?
DON'T KNOW...
ARGH! I LOST AGAIN!


ADVENTURE MAP
VEILSTONE CITY
MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
WIG
MOLE
LAX
CHIMHIKO
INFERNO
CHAHIKO
PRINPLUP
PRINPLUP
PONYTA
PONYTA

#357
VS MEDITITE
AND RIOLU II

I LOOK FORWARD TO DOING BATTLE AGAINST...
...THAT MONFERNO OF YOURS!
...THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID LAST NIGHT BEFORE LEAVING, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID.
WELL... CAN'T BE HELPED! I GUESS... SHE MUST'VE THOUGHT WE WERE GYM CHALLENGERS AFTER SEEING...
...CHIMCHIMO'S ATTACK LAST NIGHT.
AND WHAT'S MORE... MISSY'S IN THE MOOD TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE.
YUP... SAME THING EVERY TIME, HUH?
IN THE MEANTIME...

MAYLENE, THE VEILSTONE GYM LEADER.
A FIGHTING-TYPE EXPERT WHO'S...
...YOUNGER THAN ME?
YEAH!
THIS IS OUR THIRD BATTLE AGAINST A GYM LEADER FOR A BADGE.
PHEW...
TIME FOR US TO START SOME REAL TRAINING!
LET'S DO IT!
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
MISSY!!
BEEP BEEP
PAFF

FIRST THINGS FIRST...
AS IT IS, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO USE CHIMCHIKO FOR THE BATTLE, SO THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE TRAINING WILL BE ON THAT.
THE OPPONENT WILL MOST PROBABLY HAVE TWO POKÉMON AS WELL, SO CHIMCHIKO'S GONNA NEED A TAG PARTNER...
I GUESS THE BEST POKÉMON FOR THE JOB WOULD BE CHIMMY!

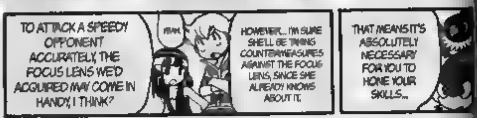
MAYLENE IS A "FIGHTING" EXPERT, WHICH MEANS ACCORDING TO CONVENTION, WE'LL HAVE TO USE "FLYING-TYPE" POKÉMON AGAINST HER!

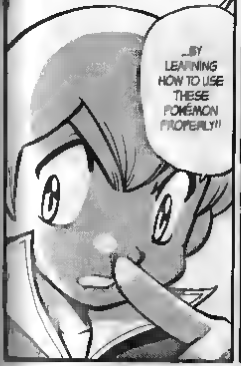
OH! YOU'LL DO YOUR USUAL THING BY PRETENDING TO BE MAYLENE!
GOT-CHA!
OKAY, MISSY!. START BY TRYING TO GIVE HIM A BLOW!
ALL RIGHT! "FLAME WHEEL"!!
ROTAR

SMASH

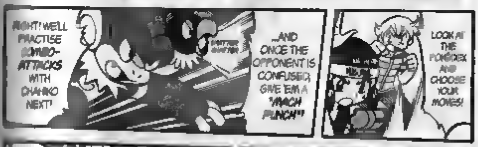
GET AWAY QUICKLY AND GET READY FOR YOUR SECOND ATTACK!
YES!
DIA, INCREASE YOUR SPEED! MAYLENE'S A LOT FASTER THAN THAT!
ROBERT

YOU SAW HOW AGILE MAYLENE AND HER POKÉMON WERE LAST NIGHT DIDN'T YOU?
SHE TOOK JUST MERE SECONDS TO RUN UP TO OUR ROOM FROM THE SIDEWALK!
HUFF
THAT RIOLU POKÉMON SHE HAD ON HAND... SEEMS LIKE IT CAN CROSS MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS WITHIN A SINGLE NIGHT!
HUFF

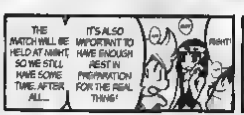

TO ATTACK A SPEEDY OPPONENT ACCURATELY, THE FOCUS LENS WE'D ACQUIRED MAY COME IN HANDY, I THINK?
HMM...
HOWEVER... I'M SURE SHE'LL BE TAKING COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST THE FOCUS LENS, SINCE SHE ALREADY KNOWS ABOUT IT.
THAT MEANS IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR YOU TO HONE YOUR SKILLS...


...BY LEARNING HOW TO USE THESE POKÉMON PROPERLY!!

...ALL RIGHT!
必勝


RIGHT! WE'LL PRACTISE COMBO-ATTACKS WITH CHAMAO NEXT!
...AND ONCE THE OPPONENT IS CONFUSED, GIVE 'EM A "MACH PUNCH"!
LOOK AT THE POKÉDEX AND CHOOSE YOUR MOVES!

OKAY, LET'S TAKE A BREATHER!

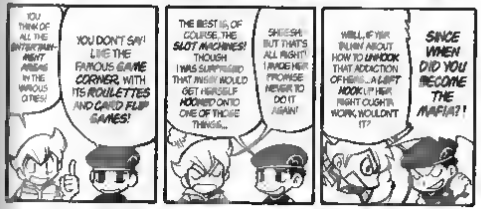

THE MATCH WILL BE HELD AT NIGHT, SO WE STILL HAVE SOME TIME AFTER ALL...
IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO HAVE ENOUGH REST IN PREPARATION FOR THE REAL THING!
RIGHT!

PEEK
SWOOSH
RRRING
YO!
EEK..!
PAT

WHY AREN'T YA GOING IN, LITTLE LADY? YOU CAME TO PLAY SLOTS, DINCHA? I SAW YOU HERE LAST NIGHT, TOO!
Y-YES, BUT... MY COMPANIONS... THEY MADE ME PROMISE TO STOP...

TO ENSURE I KEEP MY PROMISE, I EVEN LEFT MY WALLET IN THE HOTEL, SO...
I CAN'T PLAY ANYMORE EVEN IF I WANTED TO!
OH, IS THAT WHAT'S STOPPING YOU? I CAN GIVE YOU A FEW COINS IF YOU'D LIKE!
COME ON!
LET'S MAKE LOTS OF MONEY TOGETHER, ALRIGHT?
NO... I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT ON TONIGHT, I CAN'T...!
OH, FEFFOOCH! JUST COME ALONG!

WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!


YOU THINK OF ALL THE ENTERTAINMENT AREAS IN THE VARIOUS CITIES!
YOU DON'T SAY! LIKE THE FAMOUS GAME CORNER, WITH ITS ROULETTES AND CARD FLIP GAMES!
THE BEST IS, OF COURSE, THE SLOT MACHINES! THOUGH I WAS SURPRISED THAT MISSY WOULD GET HERSELF HOOKED ONTO ONE OF THOSE THINGS...
SHEESH! BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT! I MADE HER PROMISE NEVER TO DO IT AGAIN!
WELL, IF YOU'RI BUNNY ABOUT HOW TO UNHOOK THAT ADDICTION OF HERS... A LEFT HOOK..!? HER RIGHT CUSHION WORK, WOULDN'T IT?
SINCE WHEN DID YOU BECOME THE MAFIA?!

ANYWAY... [?] IS THE BEST PICTURE TO MATCH, APPARENTLY.
ALSO KNOWN AS [?][?][?].
IF YOU MATCH THREE SEVENS, YOU'LL RECEIVE--GET THIS--100 COINS AS A REWARD!
WOW. SOUNDS LIKE A PIECE OF CAKE TO GET FROM THERE. HA, HUH.
IT TASTES LIKE A PIECE OF CAKE, TOO...!!
YOU ARE HEREBY BANNED FROM MAKING BAD JOKES ABOUT FOOD FROM NOW ON, BLISTER!

YEAH! THAT WENT PRETTY WELL!
YUP...
BUT I WONDER WHERE MISSY WENT? SHE'S TAKING SO LONG TO RETURN...
...WELL, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL!
HEY...
...IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES SHE LOOK REALLY EXHAUSTED...?

MAYBE SHE WENT OFF TO TRAIN BY HERSELF?
I GOTTA TAKE MY HAT OFF TO YOUR ENTHUSIASM, MISSY!!

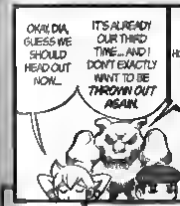
AT THE APPOINTED TIME...

WELCOME TO THE...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
...VERISTONE GYM AT NIGHT...

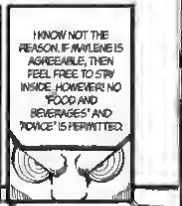
...CHILDREN OF PROMISE

OH!
IT'S YOU GUYS AGAIN!
YUP, IT'S US AGAIN!

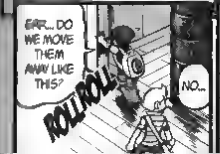
MAYLENE HAS TOLD ME ABOUT THE CHALLENGE. WRITE YOUR NAME DOWN IN THIS CHALLENGE CARD AND CHOOSE YOUR PREFERRED BATTLE STYLE
ALL RIGHT... A SINGLE BATTLE WITH TWO EXCHANGE-ABLE POKÉMON...


OKAY, DIA, GUESS WE SHOULD HEAD OUT NOW...
IT'S ALREADY OUR THIRD TIME... AND I DON'T EXACTLY WANT TO BE THROWN OUT AGAIN.
HOLD IT

THE BOTH OF YOU ARE ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE GYM TO OBSERVE TODAY...
...IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAYLENE'S WISHES.
EH?! BUT WHY?!


I KNOW NOT THE REASON. IF MAYLENE IS AGREEABLE, THEN FEEL FREE TO STAY INSIDE. HOWEVER, NO 'FOOD AND BEVERAGES' AND 'ADVICE' IS PERMITTED.

DO YOU SEE THE MANY WALLS HERE?
YOUR TASK IS TO FIND THE RIGHT PATH WHILE MOVING THESE WALLS AWAY ONE BY ONE! I WISH YOU GODSPEED!
WHOA!


EAR... DO WE MOVE THEM AWAY LIKE THIS?
ROLLROLL
NO...

WELL, HOW ABOUT HERE?
THIS ONE'S MOVING TOO.
MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY THE OTHER DIRECTION...

HMM?

HUH...
MISSY! I STOP SPACING OUT! THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR CHALLENGE, YOU KNOW?!
AH... YES!
I KNOW YOU'RE TIRED FROM THE INTENSE TRAINING BUT IF YOU KEEP DAYDREAMING IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE...
I OPENED IT!
WAAH!!! I FORGOT THAT THERE'LL BE OTHER TRAINERS WAITING FOR US ON THE WAY TO MAYLENE AS WELL!!
LET'S FIGHT!!
WELL, TAKE YOU ON, CHALLENGERS!
MACHOKE!
MISSY, TIME TO DO BATTLE
A-ALL RIGHT! CHATOT! "AERIAL ACE"!!
AND THUS THE THREE OF US...

...MADE OUR WAY TO MAYLENE BY...
...FENDING OFF OTHER GYM TRAINERS...
...AND MOVING THE WALLS OF THE LABYRINTH.
ROLL ROLL

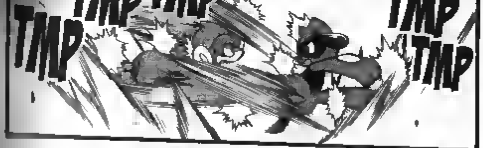
GLAAAAAANG!
SO YOU'VE MANAGED TO OPEN...
...THE FINAL WALL!

PHEW... THAT WAS TOUGH...
...
HUFF
HUFF
IS MISSY GONNA BE ALL RIGHT?
SHE'S BEEN LOOKING DEAD TIRED EVER SINCE COMING BACK FROM HER BREAK...
WELL THEN...
SHALL WE BEGIN?

AS EXPECTED, SHE'S GOING TO DO BATTLE WITH THE TWO POKÉMON THAT WAS WITH HER YESTERDAY...
RIOLU IS A "FIGHTING" TYPE, WHEREAS MEDITITE IS A "FIGHTING" AND "PSYCHIC" TYPE... THAT MEANS THE FIRST SKILL I HAVE TO USE WOULD BE...
...I'D BETTER REVISE BY LOOKING AT THE POKÉDEX...
VEILSTONE GYM LEADER MAYLENE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE BADGE-OUT FIGHTING GENIUS...
HUH?
...VERSUS THE CHALLENGER...
AAAH!! IT, IT'S GONE!!
W-WHAT'S THE MATTER, MISSY?! WHAT'S GONE?!
THE POKÉDEX...
MY POKÉDEX... IT'S MISSING!!
EH?
BRUNETTE, 12 YEARS OLD, FROM SANDGEM TOWN!

I WAS USING IT TO GATHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT POKÉMON FOR RESEARCH... BUT NOW IT'S...
THE MATCH HAS ALREADY BEGUN! IT DOESN'T MATTER! YOU CAN STILL DO BATTLE WITHOUT THE POKÉDEX. STOP THINKING ABOUT IT AND TRY TO MOVE ON...!
BUT...!
TAKE YOUR PLACE QUICKLY!
DON'T WORRY, MISSY! I'LL GO FIND IT FOR YOU! DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU COULD HAVE DROPPED IT?
GULP!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
AT LEAST YOU KNOW THAT YOU STILL HAD IT WITH YOU BEFORE THE BREAK, DURING THE TRAINING...
ERR, I THINK I MIGHT PROBABLY DROPPED IT AT THE GAME CORNER...
EH?
BOTCH! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING SO EXCITED ABOUT, BUT...
...IT WON'T CHANGE THE WAY I BATTLE!

TOMP
I SHALL TAKE YOUR CHALLENGE SERIOUSLY... THAT IS ALL!!
GO, RIOLU!


TMP
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I'M NOT TRYING THE NUMBER 1 IP MOVIE IS... IT WOULD MEAN LOSING THEIR SPEED IN AIR... NO WAY!
RIOLU IS...
SLIGHTLY FASTER!
GET AWAY FOR NOW!

I WON'T LET YOU!

CONCENTRATE ON THE BATTLE, NISSY!!
YES!
MONFERNO!!

TMP
TMP
SLASH
SMACK

"FORCE PALM"!!
SLAM

THUD
SHE'S FOLLOWING UP!
TAKE THE BLOW!
GRAB
ARE YOU FAINTING, RELIENBU...
...THAT YOU'VE STOPPED THE ATTACK?
?!
TWITCH
TWITCH
SCHLLLLLUCK
IT'S USING "DRAIN PUNCH"!...
...TO ABSORB HIS ENERGY!
HIS STRENGTH IS BEING SAPPED AWAY!!
SCHUCK SCHUCK SCHUCK
HE'LL BE SUCKED DRY IN NO TIME AT ALL!!
MON-PEI-NO, RETURN!!
BOOM
CHATOT WILL REPLACE HIM!
SMACK
"CHATTER!!!"
CHATTER, CHATTER
HM?! I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS MOVE BEFORE! IS IT USING SOUND TO ATTACK?!
THE "AURA" PIOLU'S BODY IS EMANATING..
...IS MAKING MEDITITE AWARE OF THE DANGER IT'S IN!!

BUMP
BUMP
BUMP
BUMP
MACK
THAT'S "BULLET PUNCH" A PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACK!
WHAT'S MORE... THAT UNBELIEVABLE POWER BEHIND THAT MOVE IS...
"PIDGEOT CUT!!"
FWHOOSH

I-IT MANAGED TO HIT CHATOT'S VITAL SPOT!!
THIS MEDITITE --
...EATS ONLY ONE BERRY A DAY
IT BUILDS ITSELF UP BY ENDURING HUNGER!
THIS IS THE POWER AND SPEED OF YOSA!
IN ORDER TO SHARPEN MY MIND TOGETHER WITH MY POKÉMON, I TAKE ON THE SAME DIET MYSELF!
DON'T FEEL LIKE YOUR DEFEAT-INATION WAIT UP TO HIM, AGAIN!
SHE MAY HAVE HIT YOU A COUPLE OF TIMES BUT YOU CAN STILL OVERPOWER HER BY MAKING USE OF OF THE COMPATIBILITY ADVANTAGE!
"MIRROR MOVE"!!

"HURRICANE MOVE"!!
"HURRICANE MOVE"!!
BOOM
SWOOSH
"VACUUM WAVE"!!
CHATOT HAS BEEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I FEEL THIS WAY, BUT...
...I DO NOT WISH TO LOSE TO YOU!!
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WAS... A LITTLE ENVIOUS OF YOU LAST NIGHT...
YOU HAVE NICE CLOTHES, WELL-KEPT HAIR, TRIMMED NAILS...
...AND SO MANY HELD ITEMS FOR YOUR POKÉMON...
...AND ALL KINDS...!
MOMENTARILY I FEEL THAT VICTORY WILL NOT NECESSARILY GO TO THE ONES WHO ARE WELL-SATED!
MY WEAPON IS HUNGER!!
KERSMASH

SHE CRUSHED THE ENTIRE ARENA WITH "ROCK SMASH"!!
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE

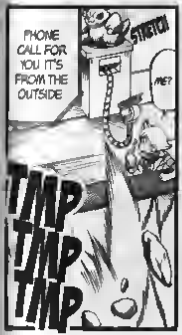
PIOLU WILL BE MOVING AROUND AMONGST THESE FLYING ROCKS AT TOP SPEED!
AND IT WAS ALREADY FAST ENOUGH WITHOUT THESE HINDRANCES! FORGET ABOUT HITTING IT! IT'S GOING TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO EVEN LOCATE IT NOW!

...!!!

EXCUSE ME.

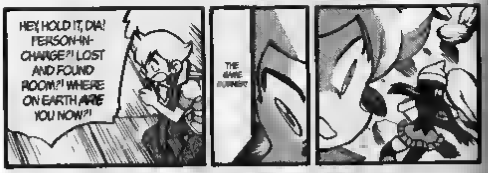
I'M HERE TO LOOK FOR A LOST PROPERTY!
IT LOOKS SOMETHING LIKE THIS, BUT IS RED IN COLOR...
OH YES, I DID PICK SOMETHING LIKE THAT UP!
R-REALLY?!

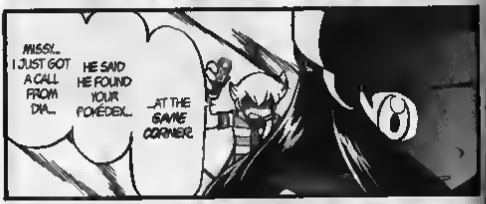
TRICK
OH?


PHONE CALL FOR YOU. IT'S FROM THE OUTSIDE
STRETCH
ME?
TMP TMP TMP

PEARL! IT'S ME!
DIA?!
TELL MISS! THAT I'VE FOUND HER POKÉDEX!
REALLY?

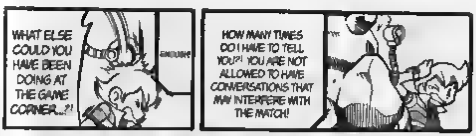
THE PERSON-IN-CHARGE PICKED IT UP AND KEPT IT IN THE LOST AND FOUND ROOM. HE'S GOING TO BRING ME THERE NOW.
OVER HERE! HURRY!


HEY, HOLD IT, DIA! PERSON-IN-CHARGE?! LOST AND FOUND ROOM?! WHERE ON EARTH ARE YOU NOW?!
THE GAME CORNER?


MISSY... I JUST GOT A CALL FROM DIA...
HE SAID HE FOUND YOUR POKÉDEX...
...AT THE GAME CORNER.

YOU PROMISED ME YOU WOULDN'T GO THERE ANYMORE!
YET YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE...! AND RIGHT BEFORE AN IMPORTANT GYM BATTLE AT THAT!
YOU CAME BACK ALL WORN OUT BECAUSE YOU WERE BUSY SPINNING SLOTS, AM I RIGHT?!

DIA AND I WERE SERIOUS ABOUT TRYING TO PREPARE YOU FOR THE GYM BATTLE, DID YOU KNOW THAT?!
HOW COULD YOU BELITTLE OUR EFFORTS BY PLAYING AROUND BEFORE A MATCH?
I WASN'T...
...PLAYING...
OH, TRYING TO MAKE EXCUSES NOW HUH?!


WHAT ELSE COULD YOU HAVE BEEN DOING AT THE GAME CORNER...?!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?! YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS THAT MAY INTERFERE WITH THE MATCH!

THAT'S RIGHT! NOW IS THE TIME FOR BATTLE!!
EVEN IF I AM CONFIDENT OF VICTORY, I WILL NOT LET MY GUARD DOWN!
I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED BY AN AFFLUENT PERSON!!

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO USE THE FOCUS LENS IF YOU WANT!
LET'S SEE...
...IF YOU CAN HIT ME WITH THAT!

I SEE IT!
THE THREE SEVENS OF VICTORY!!!
RRR
WIR
THUD
CRASH
CRASH
RIOLU HAS BEEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS!
THE CHALLENGER WINS THE BATTLE

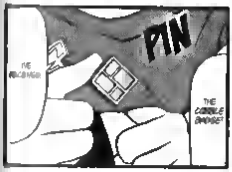
NO WAY...
A... AMAZING!! MISS! ACTUALLY MANAGED TO FIND AND USE THAT SPLIT SECOND CHANCE TO COMPLETELY KNOCK RIOLU OUT!
I COULDN'T EVEN SEE WHERE RIOLU WAS!
THAT WAS IMPRESSIVE
YOU ARE TRULY A PERSON OF ACTION WHO'S SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU DO
THANK YOU!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE LOST TO SOMEONE!

I HAVE LEARNT THAT A PERSON'S WEALTH DOES NOT AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF A BATTLE AT ALL.
LOOKS LIKE MISSY WASN'T LYING WHEN SHE SAID SHE WASN'T PLAYING AT THE GAME CORNER...
YOU WERE TRAINING YOUR EYES TO BE ABLE TO CATCH FAST MOVEMENTS WITH THE SLOT REELS, WEREN'T YOU?
I'M SORRY, MISSY!
THAT IS CORRECT.

THE LITTLE LADY WOULDN'T TOUCH A SINGLE MACHINE NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TRIED TO GET HER TO. SAID SHE "PROMISED"!
SHE JUST WATCHED REALLY HARD WITH HER POKÉMON AS THIS OLD MAN HERE DID THE SPINNING!

HUH? WHO ARE YOU?
SO HOW'D IT GO?
I KNOW YOU'RE GONNA PUT ON A GLUM FACE COZ DADDY WAS HANGING OUT AT THE GAME CORNER INSTEAD OF GOING TO WORK, BUT...
...NOW YOU KNOW THAT IT MAY NOT BE THAT BAD OF A THING AFTER ALL, AM I RIGHT?
YOUR OLD MAN PARKED HIMSELF IN THE GAME CORNER SO THAT HE CAN HELP YOU DEVELOP YER SKILLS AS THE GYM LEADER, AND THAT'S WHY...
"FORCE PALM"!
THUMP
DAD...
EEEH?!
HEH, AMAZING! I'M HOME!

TMP TMP TMP TMP
FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!
ERK!
GRUNT


PIN
THE CHALLENGER
THE GOBBLE DAMSEL

HEY, DIA. MISSY DEFEATED MARLENE!!
GREAT GOING!

SHE WAS A FORMIDABLE FOE, WASN'T SHE?
YES, SHE WAS
LOST AND FOUND STOREROOM
I BET THAT RIOLU WAS "RIO"-LY TOUGH!!
THAT WASN'T FUNNY.

BUT MAN... THERE SURE ARE MANY LOST ITEMS IN HERE!

THE PERSON-IN-CHARGE LEFT AFTER BRINGING ME HERE, BUT...
...I SHOULD'VE AT LEAST ASKED HIM WHICH AREA HE HAD SHELVED IT IN...
LET ME SEE... POKÉDEX, POKÉDEX... MISSY'S POKÉDEX...

AH! THERE IT IS!
MISSY CAN REST ASSURED NOW!
LAX AND WIG!
IT'S PRETTY HIGH UP...
I CAN PROBABLY REACH IT IF I HAVE A STEPPING STOOL OF SORTS...
THANKS WIG!
JUST... A LITTLE BIT MORE...
!!!
GRAB

ADVENTURE MAP
VEILSTONE CITY
MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
WIO
LAX
CHIMHIKO
CHAHIKO
PRINPLUP
PONYTA

MON-PERNO
TOSS
CLICK
IN ORDER TO LAND A HIT ON THE SPEEDY RIOLU MOVING AROUND IN THE MIDST OF COUNTLESS FLYING ROCKS...
...I'LL HAVE TO SEE THROUGH THE MOVEMENTS OF THE ROCKS...
...THE MOVEMENTS OF RIOLU MOVING AROUND BETWEEN THEM...
...AND AT THE SAME TIME, GET AROUND RIOLU'S GUARD TO GET A DIRECT HIT ON ITS VITAL SPOT!!
I HAVE TO DETER-MINE.
...WHERE THAT MIRACU-LOUS LINE IS!!

LIKE YOU, MY TRUMP CARD IS NOT ANY ITEM I MAY POSSESS...
...BUT MY WELL TRAINED POKÉMON AND SKILL AS A TRAINER!
I SHALL NAIL DOWN...
...THAT MIRACULOUS LINE
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
NO, I'M SURE I CAN DO IT!
THE SLIT INCLINE FLAWS I HIDE!
STARE
FLIP
FLIP

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VS STARAVIA AND SKUNTANK I

VEIL-STONE CITY.
A CITY OF STONES BUILT ATOP A HARD ROCK MASS.
THERE ARE MANY DEPRESSIONS AROUND THE CITY, BELIEVED TO BE MADE FALLING METEORS.
IT IS WELL KNOWN TO BE A CITY WHERE ONE CAN FEEL THE ROMANTICISM OF SPACE.
WHEN NIGHT FALLS, THE LIGHTS OF THE PLACES OF AMUSEMENT WILL START TO EXTINGUISH ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
AND IN ONE OF THOSE PLACES...
W... WHO'S THERE?!

YOU'RE STEALING THE POKÉDEX I'M TRYING TO RETRIEVE!
WHAT...?!
APPEAR
SO THIS THING IS CALLED...
A "POKÉDEX"?

MY, THIS THING IS AMAZING!
IT CONTAINS SUCH DETAILED INFO ABOUT POKÉMON!

POKÉMON ECOLOGY, DISTRIBUTION, SIZE, SOUND... IT EVEN SHOWS THE SKILLS THE POKÉMON CAN LEARN, ITS CONDITION AND ABILITY!
I'D COME HERE OCCASIONALLY BECAUSE THE GAME CORNER PATRONS DROP SOME REALLY GOOD STUFF ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT WOW...
...THIS FIND TODAY IS GROSSLY-NALLY SUPERB!

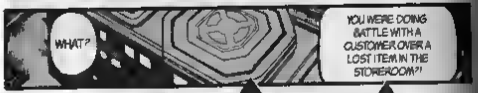
GIVE IT BACK -!!
YOU CAN'T!! THAT'S THE ITEM I'M HERE TO RETRIEVE!!
IT BELONGS TO AN IMPORTANT FRIEND OF MINE!!

YOU WANT ME TO RETURN THIS TO YOU?
WELL...

I REFUSE
THWIP
GIBLE! "DRAGON RUSH"!!!
LAX!!!
BAM
WHUMP
ROLL
THIS STORE-ROOM IS MINE!
THEREFORE EVERYTHING IN THE STORE-ROOM BELONGS TO ME!

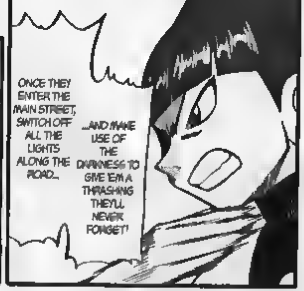
NOW, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE YOU FORGET EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED HERE BY GIVING YOU A LITTLE PUNISHMENT...
STEP
WHOAA!?
SLIP!
DROP
THANK GOODNESS LAX WAS SECRETLY CARRYING "BERRIES" AROUND!
TMP TMP TMP

WHY, THE NERVE OF THAT...!!
AFTER HIM!!


WHAT?
YOU WERE DOING BATTLE WITH A CUSTOMER OVER A LOST ITEM IN THE STOREROOM?!

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? IF IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH MY MISSION...DON'T BOTHER REPORTING IT TO ME, IDIOT!!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THOSE TWO...!!
AS EXPECTED, I'VE MANAGED TO LURE THEM TO VEILSTONE BY BLOCKING THE NORTHERN PATH OF ROUTE 210
THOSE TWO BODY GUARDS...
...WHO HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO PROTECT THE HEIRESS OF THE WEALTHIEST FAMILY IN SINNOH!
LISTEN UP, YOU LOT!

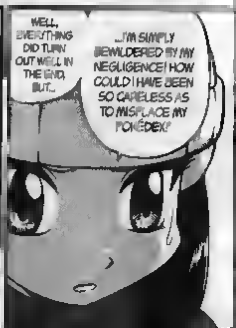
MERELY FORCING THEM TO REVEAL THE LOCATION OF THE "LADY" WON'T BE ENOUGH TO APPEASE ME!


ONCE THEY ENTER THE MAIN STREET, SWITCH OFF ALL THE LIGHTS ALONG THE ROAD...
...AND MAKE USE OF THE DARKNESS TO GIVE 'EM A THRASHING THEY'LL NEVER FORGET!

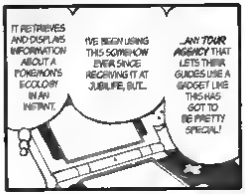
IT'S ALREADY MIDNIGHT...

...YOU'VE DEFEATED MARLENE, AND DIA HAS FOUND THE POKÉDEX YOU'D LOST... SO NOW WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MEET UP WITH HIM AGAIN
IN ANY CASE, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY WE'VE MANAGED TO SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DO IN THIS TOWN!

LET ME SEE... I THINK THE LOST AND FOUND STOREROOM IS IN A DIFFERENT PLACE FROM THE GAME CORNER...
HMM? WHAT'S THE MATTER, MISS?


WELL, EVERYTHING DID TURN OUT WELL IN THE END, BUT...
...I'M SIMPLY BEWILDERED BY MY NEGLIGENCE! HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO CARELESS AS TO MISPLACE MY POKÉDEX?

IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS CONCENTRATING ON MY TRAINING... BUT THE POKÉDEX IS AN INVALUABLE TOOL THAT IS SUPPOSED TO HELP ACCUMULATE DATA FOR AN IMPORTANT RESEARCH!
OH.
RESEARCH ON BEING A TOUR GUIDE?
BUT IT'S TRUE...
THIS IS A PRETTY SPIFFY GADGET, COME TO THINK...


IT RETRIEVES AND DISPLAYS INFORMATION ABOUT A POKÉMON'S ECOLOGY IN AN INSTANT.
I'VE BEGUN USING THIS SOMEHOW EVER SINCE RECEIVING IT AT JUBILIFE, BUT...
...AN TOUR AGENCY THAT LETS THEIR GUIDES USE A GADGET LIKE THIS HAS GOT TO BE PRETTY SPECIAL!

LIKE THAT STARLY AND LUXIO WE MET AT THE START OF OUR TRIP...
...AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE NAMES OF THOSE TWO POKÉMON WE SAW AT MT CORONET!

BUT THEN AGAIN...
...THERE WERE TIMES WHEN WE DID BUMP INTO POKÉMON THAT THE POKÉDEX HAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT.

WHY THE DISCREPANCY, I WONDER...
FLICKER
FLICKER
FLICKER
HUH?

WHAT IN THE WORLD?! THE STREET LIGHTS JUST WENT OUT! IT'S PITCH DARK!!

DON'T TELL ME ALL THE LIGHTS HERE ARE SWITCHED OFF AFTER MIDNIGHT?!
I CAN'T SEE A THING... MISSY? MISSY?!
OH, OVER HERE...
AHHH...?!

MISSY, WHAT'S WRONG?!
MISSY?!

OH NO...
I'VE COMPLETELY...
...LOST HER IN THE DARK!!!

PLEASE FORGIVE US FOR BEING SO ROUGH ON YOU.
LET'S GET OUT THERE AND BATTLE THEM, UJI!
OKAY, PAKA!
ALL RIGHT! THAT MEANS NOBODY WILL BE COMING HERE UNTIL THE MORNING!
WE'LL HIDE OUR CLIENT IN HERE FOR NOW...
BY THE WAY, WHAT BUILDING ARE WE IN?
THE VEIL STONE DEPARTMENT STORE
2F
WE'VE FINALLY MET OUR CLIENT, UJI!
THAT'S RIGHT PAKA!
CLASP
I PANICKED WHEN ALL THE STREET LIGHTS WENT OUT, BUT...
...SINCE WE WERE ABLE TO RESCUE OUR CLIENT BECAUSE OF THAT...
!!!
PAKA! IT'S THE SAME ORGANIZATION WE BUMPED INTO AT THE LOST TOWER!
I EXPECTED THIS! THEY'RE NOT GOING TO LET US GET OUR WAY SO EASILY!
...AND COME RETRIEVE HER LATER.
ALSO...
...WE SHALL NOW ACT AS HER BODY GUARDS...
...FOR THE REST OF HER JOURNEY TO MT. CORONET!
THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN!
SWISH

SMASH

THAT IS QUITE AN ARMY! THEY'RE SENT AGAINST US
YEAH! AND THEY SEEM COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE!

IT'S LIKE THEY KNOW THIS WHOLE AREA INSIDE OUT!
THIS TOWN MUST BE WHERE THEIR HEADQUARTERS IS!!

TMP TMP TMP

AFTER MY EYES HAVE FINALLY ADJUSTED TO THE DARKNESS, I SEE THEM!!
MISSY'S DISAPPEARED, AND PEOPLE ARE BRAWLING IN THE STREETS! GEEZ, WHAT'S THIS TOWN COMING TO?!

WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON...

DIA?!
SLAM

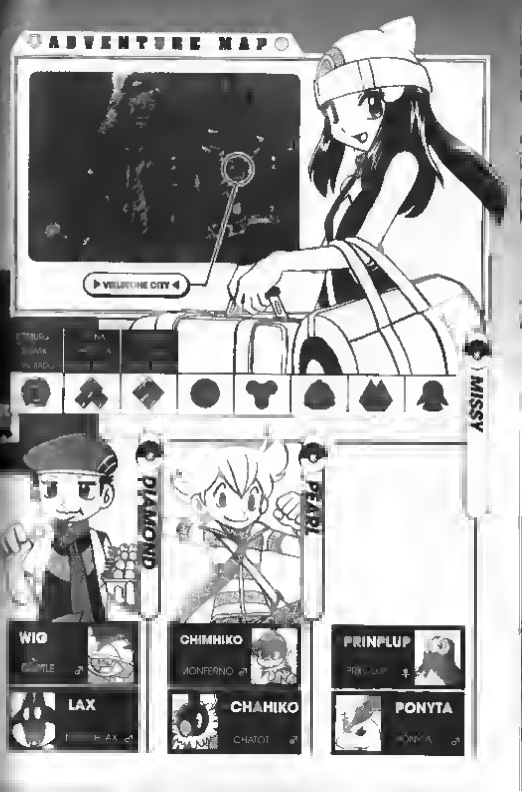
WHAT ONE EARTH ARE YOU DOING?!
ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL

WE'RE WRESTLING FOR THE POKÉDEX--!
I'M TAKING A ROYAL RUMBLE AND TUMBLE FOR THE POKÉDEX...
SNAP OUTTA IT!!
AGH! PEARL! I MANAGED TO GET MISSY'S POKÉDEX BACK, BUT...
SHUFFLE
"

WAAAH! HERE THEY COME!!
WIG!
LAX!
CHARGE!
CHARGE!
?!
TMP TMP TMP
ARE FIGHTING AGAINST THE SAME GROUP OF PEOPLE WE ARE!
HAKA! THE PEOPLE OVER THERE...
WHAT'S MORE THOSE TWO...
AREN'T THEY THE BOYS WHO WERE TRAVELING TOGETHER WITH OUR CLIENT AFTER STEALING HER AWAY FROM US?!
WHY?!
INCH
INCH
THEY'RE NOT COMRADES OF THIS ARMY, THEN?!
BUMP

I THOUGHT I'D SEEN YOU GUYS BEFORE.
YOU WERE THE ONES CHASING US WHEN WE CAME OUT OF HEARTHOME FIGHT?
WHAT, DID THOSE CONTEST MADAMS EMPLOY YOU TO HARASS US AGAIN?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU TWO WERE THE ONES LEADING OUR CLIENT AROUND BY THE NOSE ALL THIS TIME!!

???
"OUR CLIENT"?
...WAIT, YOU MEAN OUR TOUR GUIDE, MISSY? WHAT DID SHE EMPLOY YOU GUYS TO DO?
TOUR GUIDE?!
WAIT A SECOND! I DON'T BELIEVE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME THING!
WHAAAAT?!
SHE HAPPENS TO BE THE HEIRESS TO THE BERLITZ FAMILY, THE WEALTHIEST FAMILY IN SINNOH!
AND WE ARE HER BODYGUARDS WHO HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED TO PROTECT HER!
WAIT, SOME RANDOM TOUR GUIDE?!


ADVENTURE MAP
VEILSTONE CITY
MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
WIG
LAX
CHIMHIKO
CHAHIKO
PRINPLUP
PONYTA

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VS STARAVIA AND SKUNTANK II

SHE HAPPENS TO BE THE HEIRESS TO THE BERUTZ FAMILY, THE WEALTHIEST FAMILY IN SINNOH!
AND WE ARE HER BODYGUARDS WHO HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED TO PROTECT HER!
WHAAAT?!
HEIRESS?
SHE'S NOT A TOUR GUIDE?!
CLIENT?
YOU DON'T SEEM TO GET IT..
WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SURPRISED BY THIS...
...NOR DO WE SEEM TO BE ON THE SAME LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING!
HOWEVER...
...NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR US TO BE DELVING INTO SUCH MATTERS!
WE HAVE JUST ONE QUESTION!
ARE YOU "FRIEND" OR "FOE"?
GIVE US A SIMPLE ANSWER, PLEASE!!

FRIEND
DIA!!
ANYBODY WHO PROTECTS MISSY IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT...
...A FRIEND OF OURS!
OKAY!
A SIMPLE AND SPIRITED ANSWER IT IS!
AND WE CAN BE COME CLOSER FRIENDS IF YOU'LL LISTEN AND LAUGH AT OUR DOUBLE ACT JOKES.
WHEN YOU THINK OF PONE-NOIR.
...THINK OF MEW, STONE CITY!

WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING NON-STOP EVER SINCE COMING TO THIS CITY... AND TO THINK I THOUGHT WE'RE HERE TO JUST "MEW" STONES.
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THAT!!
WE GET IT, WE GET IT WELL. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST, SO JUST WATCH US FROM AFAR, OKAY?
AFTER ALL, OUR CURRENT JOB IS TO PROTECT THE HIDDEN LADY...
...FROM THIS ARMY!

STAMP

SPLURT
WHAAH
JUMP
FLA
FLAP

BUT PAKA, WHAT AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF SOLDIERS THEY HAVE!
YES, U.J. IF WE BATTLE THEM ONE BY ONE, OUR ENERGY WILL SURELY BE DEPLETED IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!
LET US REPEAT WHAT WE DID IN THE LOST TOWER!
OKAY, PAKA!
BUIZEL!!
SWIRRRL
FWHOMP
FWHOMP
HE CAUSED A SANDSTORM TO BLOCK THE ENEMIES SIGHT AND CONFUSE THEM!
THEY'RE AMAZING! I NEVER KNEW YOU COULD USE BUIZEL'S TAIL LIKE THAT!
SAY, DIA...
WHEN THEY SAID THE "HIDDEN LADY"... IT MEANS THAT THEY'VE HIDDEN MISS! SOMEWHERE RIGHT?
YEAH!
IN THAT CASE, DIA...
NO, I MEAN DIAMOND!
YEAH!
WHY DID THEY DO THAT? IS IT...
...BECAUSE THAT GROUP OF PEOPLE IS TRYING TO CAPTURE HER?
UNCLE!!
STIFF STIFF
I HAVE SOMETHING EVEN BETTER FOR YOU TO STIR UP!
COME ON, WIG!
"DIMEZOR LEAF"!!!
SHOOT
SHOOT

WOOSH
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK
OOH! YOU CAN BLOCK THEIR VIEW AND DEAL DAMAGE TO THEM AT THE SAME TIME LIKE THIS!
THESE BOYS MAY BE SURPRISINGLY...
...TALENTED AT POKÉMON BATTLES!
IF WE TEACH THEM SOME PROFESSIONAL TECHNIQUES...
...AND TRAIN THEM UP PROPERLY, THEN...!
THAT SKUNTANK BEHIND YOU IS ABOUT TO USE "NIGHT SLASH"!!
SMASH
YOU...! YOU CAN TELL WHAT MOVE THE POKÉMON IS ABOUT TO MAKE JUST BY ITS STANCE ALONE?!
YEAH, PEARL'S GREAT AT THAT!
UJI!
HEY YOU BOYS! I WANT YOU TO DO AS I SAY!
EH?
FIRST OF ALL, LINE UP IN A SINGLE FILE!
W-WHAT'S UP? I THOUGHT YOU WANTED US TO WATCH YOU FROM AFAR?
JUST DO IT!
ALL RIGHT!!
LET'S GO!
SHUFFLE

YOUR MONFERNO WILL SPEARHEAD THE ATTACK! SHOW ME HOW YOU'LL USE HIM TO LAUNCH AN AERIAL ATTACK USING TREES OR ROCKS!
STOMP
E-ERICK, CHIMCHAR!!
...HE'S WAIT! THERE AREN'T ANY TREES OR ROCKS HERE!!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOUR PARTNER IS FOR, ISN'T IT?!
MAKE THE GROTTLE USE "STEALTH ROCK" IMMEDIATELY!
O-OKAY!
"STEALTH ROCK"!!!
STOMP
CRASH
STEP
STEP
STEP
HE LEAPT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE FLOCK OF STARAVIA!!
GOOP
STOP
USE "STARAVIA" THERE!
EEH?! ARE YOU SURE?!
YES!!
SWOOP
NOW, ATTACK!!!
SWISH
HISS
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK

SPURT
SPURT

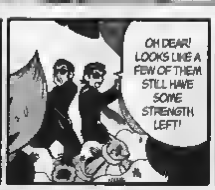
THEY APPROVED IT!
CHUMIKO! MIKI!

IT MUST BE BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN...
...HELPING MISSY TRAIN FOR HER GYM BATTLES! RIGHT, DIA?

MISSY HAS THE ONE WHO ACTUALLY CHALLENGED THE GYM, BUT...
...LOOKS LIKE OUR POKÉMON BECAME STRONGER AT THE SAME TIME AS WELL!

SPURT

WOOOLF
WOOOLF

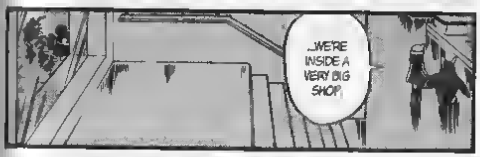

OH DEAR! LOOKS LIKE A FEW OF THEM STILL HAVE SOME STRENGTH LEFT!

LET'S MOVE, UJI!
EH? BUT WHY, PAKA?

WE'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUSLY FIGHTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT STORE BEHIND US ALL THIS TIME!
AT THIS RATE...
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN! IT MAY GIVE THEM AN IDEA AS TO WHERE WE'VE HIDDEN OUR CLIENT!

BOOM

WHERE AM I...?
WHERE DO YOU THINK WE ARE, PRIMPLUP?
TRAINING WEAR
IT LOOKS LIKE...
FITNESS MACHINE


...WE'RE INSIDE A VERY BIG SHOP!

YOU TWO, COME WITH US!
DASH

FITTING ROOM
UGH...

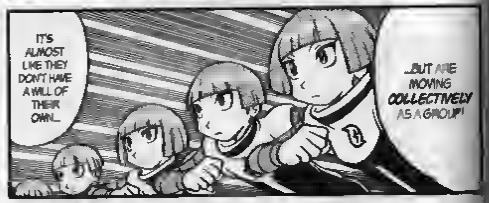
THEY'RE LATE!!!

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN ALREADY ?!
NOT ONLY HAVE THEY NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THEM TO REVEAL THE LOCATION OF THE "LADY"...
...BUT THEY HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE THOSE TWO YET, YOU SAY?!

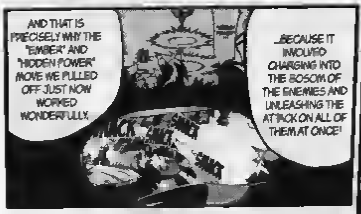
I MUST... LET THEM HAVE A TASTE OF ULTIMATE DREAD...!!
ULTIMATE...
...DREAD
WHAT? NOT BACK YET?
THE GUY DID...
...MENTION THAT IT'S IN A USABLE STATE...
WHAT SAY WE...
...GIVE THIS THING A WHIRL, HUH?
RIGHT
I'VE DECIDED!
LET'S USE IT!
I'M GOING TO...
VOOOOM
...USE "THIS THING"!
THE GREATEST STRATEGY OF TEAM GALACTIC AT THIS VERY MOMENT REVOLVES AROUND...
...THE GALACTIC BOMB!!
COMPARED TO THAT, "THIS THING" IS LIKE A PAST RELIC THAT HAS BEEN ABANDONED SINCE ITS DEVELOPMENT WAS HALTED.
IT'S NOTHING BUT AN "UNFINISHED PRODUCT".
SO EVEN IF I WERE TO USE IT WITHOUT PERMISSION, I'M SURE THEY WOULDN'T BE TOO ANGRY WITH ME...

ALL RIGHT!!
ENERGY SHOOTING PLUG, LIFT OPEN
LEFT CANOPY, FRONT HATCH...
OPEN!!
KLAONK
NOW I'LL JUST HAVE TO LURE THEM TO THIS GALACTIC VEILSTONE BUILDING!
I WANT TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW
HEY! SEND OUT THE CAMERA AFTER THEM!
THUD
WHAT?
THE ONE THAT WAS DESTROYED AT THE LOST TOWER HASN'T BEEN FIXED YET?
THEN SEND A NEW ONE OUT, YOU MORONS!
SEND IT OUT!
I SAID, SEND IT OUT!!
SEND IT OUT!!!
SWOOSH
DASH
EIGHT OF THEM STILL HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT TO CHASE AFTER US!
WHAT A PERSISTENT BUNCH.
TELL ME ABOUT IT! AND IT'S NOT JUST THAT...
...RIGHT DIA?
YEAH!

THEY ALL FEEL SO CREEPY!
YEAH! THE TRAINER AND POKÉMON DON'T TALK TO EACH OTHER... THEY DON'T EVEN SO MUCH AS WANK AT ONE ANOTHER, AND YET THEY MOVE TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNISON!


IT'S ALMOST LIKE THEY DON'T HAVE A WILL OF THEIR OWN...
...BUT ARE MOVING COLLECTIVELY AS A GROUP!

HMM...
YOU'RE DEFINITELY ON TO SOMETHING!
WE FEEL THE SAME WAY TOO!


AND THAT IS PRECISELY WHY THE "EMBER" AND "HIDDEN POWER" MOVE WE PULLED OFF JUST NOW WORKED WONDERFULLY.
...BECAUSE IT INVOLVED CHARGING INTO THE BOSOM OF THE ENEMIES AND UNLEASHING THE ATTACK ON ALL OF THEM AT ONCE!

AND THAT HAS NOT CHANGED EVEN NOW!
BLAZE!

"SMASH"!!!
SMASH

"SONIC-BOOM"!!!
FWHOOSH

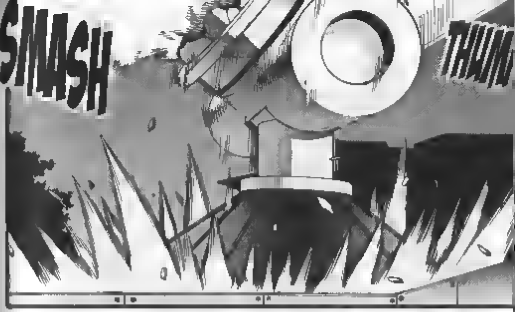
SHUFFLE-SHUFFLE

THEY CHASE AS ONE MAN...
...AND DODGE AS ONE MAN AS WELL!
AND...
WHEN THEY STOP...
...THEY STOP AS ONE!!
IN THAT CASE, THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE SHOULDN'T USE THAT TO OUR ADVANTAGE, RIGHT?
YOU SEEM PRETTY CONFIDENT, YUI!
WE'RE IN A PRECARIOUS SITUATION HERE, IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED!
NO, PAKA! THIS IS THE PERFECT SETTING FOR US!
SHUFF
SHUFF

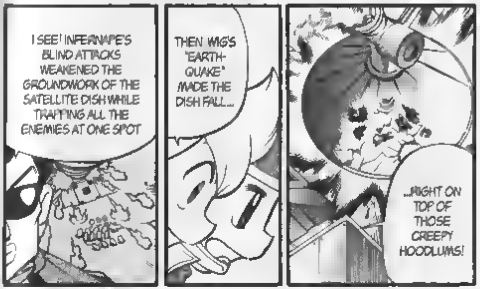
NOW WHEN...
LIFT
LIFT
I WANT YOU TWO TO STAY HERE.
I'LL ANCHOR YOU TO THE TRUNK WITH MY MUFFLER.
NOW, I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO...
...DO AS WE SAY AGAIN!
AH...
RUMBLE RUMBLE
IT'S THE THORNY BUILDING...
I THINK THERE WAS ONE IN ETERNA CITY AS WELL...

OKAY! GIVE YOUR INFERNAPE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THERE!
EH?
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE ENEMIES ARE BECAUSE OF THE SATELLITE DISHS SHADOW! AND CHIMCHIKO HAS LOUSY AIM!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT AND JUST GO ALL OUT!
CHIM-HIKO!!
"EMBER" !!!
HHHEY, UJI!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT! KEEP AT IT!
FLARE
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU LEFT THE KIDS IN A SAFE ZONE, BUT...
...INFERNAPE WILL JUST KEEP STRIKING THE AIRLINE THAT!
NOPE...
TMP
IT ALL...
...SERVES A PURPOSE
OKAY! IT'S TORTERRA'S TURN NOW!
WHAT? ME?!
THAT'S RIGHT. I WANT YOU TO SHAKE THE GROUND AS HARD AS YOU CAN!
WIG !!
"EARTHQUAKE"!!!
KERSMASH

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
CRACK
RUMBLE
THUMBLE


SMASH
THUM

SUCCESS!


I SEE! INFERNAPE'S BLIND ATTACKS WEAKENED THE GROUNDWORK OF THE SATELLITE DISH WHILE TRAPPING ALL THE ENEMIES AT ONE SPOT
THEN WIG'S "EARTH-QUAKE" MADE THE DISH FALL...
...RIGHT ON TOP OF THOSE CREEPY HOODLUMS!

PIKA AND I COULD HAVE GOTTEN HIT BY THE "EARTHQUAKE" IN THIS PLAN TOO, BUT LOOKS LIKE IT WENT WELL!
AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO THOSE STRONG POKÉMON OF YOURS!
AW SHUCKS! YOUR PRAISE REALLY GIVES ME A "QUAKE" BOOST OF CONFIDENCE!
MAN, THAT WAS AWKWARD! AT LEAST SAY "THAT SATELLITE SETS ALIGHT A DISH OF VICTORY!" OR SOMETHING!
HA HA HA!!
WELL THEN, LET US GO RETRIEVE OUR CLIENT AND DISCUSS ABOUT OUR PLANS FROM HERE ON...
THOSE USELESS GRUNTS... THEY DIDN'T MANAGE TO DEAL A SINGLE POINT OF DAMAGE TO THEM IN THE END!
STILL, YOU GUYS HAVE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH.
CLICK CLICK
NOW THAT...
..YOU HAVE LURED THEM INTO A PLACE WITHIN THE SHOOTING RANGE OF "THIS THING"...

LET THE COUNTDOWN TO ULTIMATE DREAD...
..BEGIN!
FIVE SECONDS TO ENERGY BLAST.
VOOM
4
WHAT THE? IS THAT A DEEP BASS SOUND?
URGH... THE INSIDE OF MY EARS ARE TREMBLING LIKE CRAZY!
I FEEL SICK...
3
2
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THE ENERGY BEAM THAT THIS BABY FIRES IS SOMETHING WE TEAM GALACTIC STUMBLED UPON BY CHANCE WHILE PURSUING OUR PLANS...
...BUT IT WASN'T SOMETHING MERE HUMANS COULD DEAL WITH... SO WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ABANDON IT
TO BE HIT BY THIS MUCH FORCE... WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE WOULD HAPPEN?
KEH HEH HEH!
YOU TWO WILL BE CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD YOU'RE CURRENTLY IN...
...AND BE TRAPPED IN CONFINEMENT FOR ALL ETERNITY!

WHOA!!
THMP
THMP
THMP
IF WE MAKE HIM SPIN UPWARDS FROM BELOW A SINGLE "EMBER" IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THE WHOLE FLOCK IN ONE FELL SWOOP!
THE ENEMIES HAVE BEEN CAUGHT OFF GUARD AS WELL!
WE'LL MAKE USE OF THEIR SURPRISE TO...
SNEAK
SCREECH

KOOO
"HIDDEN POWER" !!!

THUD
THUD
THUD

A-AMAZING! OUR POKÉMON SUDDENLY SEEM SO STRONG!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOUR POKÉMON ARE ALREADY STRONG ENOUGH, AS IT IS!
IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO HOW YOU USE 'EM.
ALREADY STRONG ENOUGH?
EXACTLY! LOOK AT THAT!
TRAIN
TRAIN

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VS GIBLE

GWAHAHA!! YES!! I DID IT!!
YOU TWO WILL BE CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD YOU'RE CURRENTLY IN..
THIS IS YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR DARING TO GO AGAINST ME SATURN! AND FOR DARING TO HUMILIATE ME!!
GYA HA HA !!
HA HA...
HA...
...
...KNOW WHAT? NOW THAT I'VE ACHIEVED WHAT I WANTED TO DO, THIS IS GETTING KINDA BORING.
AND IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN LAY A FINGER ON THEM ANYMORE NOW THAT THEY'RE INSIDE THERE..

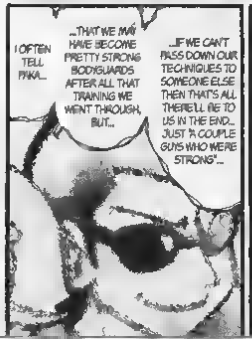
...AND BE TRAPPED IN CONFINEMENT FOR ALL ETERNITY!
WHEN THOSE TWO IMAGES OVERLAP EACH OTHER, THE HIDDEN ENERGY WILL FADE AWAY.
NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE TRAPPED INSIDE... OR WHERE THEY'LL GO TO.
I'LL JUST HAVE TO USE ANOTHER WAY TO FIND OUT WHERE THE "LADY" IS.
PLEASE WAIT

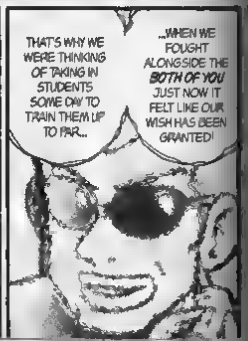
GUH...
THE MUFFLER'S SO TIGHTLY TIED THAT I CAN'T REMOVE IT!
CHAW-HAOO!
UNCOIL!
TMP
TMP
SIZZ
ALL PAINT
WHA... WHAT'S THIS...?! WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!
IT DOESN'T FEEL HOT OR COLD... IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL...! I CAN TOUCH IT WITHOUT PROBLEMS, BUT... I CAN'T GET ANY CLOSER!!

WE'LL... WE'LL SAVE YOU NOW!
EARL...
NO SWEAT! IT'LL BE EASY AS PIE!!
WE JUST HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO GET YOU OUT FROM THERE, SO...!
LET'S BREAK THIS THING DOWN WITH POKÉMON ATTACKS!
CHAHHO! "FURY ATTACK"!!
SPIN SPIN
THE PHYSICAL ATTACK DIDN'T WORK?!
THEN LET'S TRY SOME EFFICAL ONES...
CHAHHO!
"OVERHEAT"!!!
STANDS
ICE EM

IT'S NOT WORKING!
GUH... BUT THEY'RE RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.!!
STOP IT!!!

...THAT'S ENOUGH YOU TWO..
MORE IMPORTANTLY... I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO LISTEN TO US WHILE WE CAN STILL TALK...


I OFTEN TELL PAKA...
...THAT WE MAY HAVE BECOME PRETTY STRONG BODYGUARDS AFTER ALL THAT TRAINING WE WENT THROUGH, BUT...
...IF WE CAN'T PASS DOWN OUR TECHNIQUES TO SOMEONE ELSE THEN THAT'S ALL THERE'LL BE TO US IN THE END... JUST "A COUPLE GUYS WHO WERE STRONG"...


THAT'S WHY WE WERE THINKING OF TAKING IN STUDENTS SOME DAY TO TRAIN THEM UP TO FAR...
...WHEN WE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THE BOTH OF YOU JUST NOW IT FELT LIKE OUR WISH HAS BEEN GRANTED!

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS JUST FOR A BRIEF WHILE, IT'S BEEN FUN!

WHHY... WHY ARE YOU SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT?!
..WE KNOW THAT...
...THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR US...

WE'VE SURVIVED COUNTLESS PERILS SO FAR, BUT...
...THIS IS... THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER GOTTEN INTO A STICKY PREDICAMENT LIKE THIS. WE WON'T BE ABLE TO BREAK OUT FROM HERE!

BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT..
...THAT THE "ENEMY" STILL HAS THEIR SIGHTS SET ON OUR CLIENT THE "LADY"!

SOME-ONE HAS TO...
...PROTECT HER!
FLASH
PROTECT HERRIOR.
HERRIOR...
WE WEREN'T ABLE TO FULFILL OUR JOBS, SO TAKE OUR PLACE AND...
PROTECT HERRIOR!
FLARE
HERRIOR...
CLANG!
PROTECT HERRIOR!
PROTECT HERRIOR!

I'M S... SORRY D-D-D-DIA...
LEND ME Y-YOUR SHOULDER FOR A BIT, WILL YA...
OKAY
TREMBLE
H-H... C-CAN'T STOP... T-TREMBLING...
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
THE UNCLES... T' THEY'RE GONE.
Y-YEAH..
THEY WERE SO CONCERNED ABOUT MISSY, EVEN RIGHT TO THE END...
Y-YEAH...
SO MISSY WASN'T A TOUR GUIDE AFTER ALL...
S-SHE'S A REAL LADY... THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY FAMILY!!
RICH ENOUGH TO EMPLOY PROFESSIONAL BODYGUARDS TO...
YUP
"YUP"
DIA! NO... I MEAN, DIAMOND!!
YOU MEAN YOU KNEW?!
YEAH.
W-WHEN DID YOU...?!
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE RIGHT FROM THE START
I MEAN... HOW COULD WE HAVE WON A TOUR THAT WAS SO LUXURIOUS THAT IT EVEN CAME WITH A TOUR GUIDE TO BOOT?
POOF
I-I THOUGHT ABOUT IT AND ENDED UP FIGURING IT OUT...
THE BODYGUARD REQUEST AND OUR TOUR ITINERARY MUST'VE BEEN SWAPPED WHEN WE BUMPED INTO THOSE GUYS BACK THERE...
THEN... WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING EARLIER?!
RE-CAUSE...
I THOUGHT IF I'D TOLD YOU...
. IT'D BE THE END OF OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER!
SNIVEL

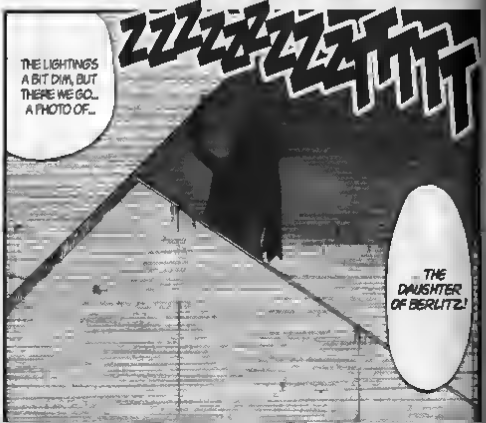
I SEE...
AND SO? WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
YEAH.
NO...
...WE ALREADY HAVE THE ANSWER. THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO EVEN THINK ABOUT IT
SOMETHING HORRIBLE HAS HAPPENED...
EVEN NOW, THOSE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO CAPTURE MISSY. SOMEONE HAS TO PROTECT HER!
I FOUND MYSELF HERE WHEN I CAME TO AND IT GOT ME SO CURIOUS THAT I WAS ALREADY SHOPPING AROUND THIS PLACE BEFORE I KNEW IT!
A DEPARTMENT STORE IS SUCH AN INTRIGUING PLACE!
THE SPORTS SECTION WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTING! I EVEN TRIED OUT ALL THE FITNESS MACHINES THERE WITH PRINPLUP!
AND THEN...
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT, BUT PRINPLUP EVOLVED INTO...
MISSY!!
KNEEL
PLEASE LISTEN TO US!!
FROM NOW ON, THE TWO OF US...
...WILL DEDICATE ALL OUR EFFORT INTO PROTECTING YOU AS YOUR BODY-GUARDS!!!
AH, OKAY.
IS IT ANY DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE?
OH, RIGHT!
BUT LET'S FORGET ABOUT THAT FOR NOW...
INSTEAD, LET'S SEE TO IT THAT MISSY GETS SAFELY TO THE PEAK OF MT. CORONET!
LET'S GET STRONGER AS POKÉMON TRAINERS!
YEAH!!!
THEY SAID MISSY WAS IN THE SECOND FLOOR OF VEILSTONE DEPARTMENT STORE! LET'S GO LOOK FOR HER RIGHT AWAY!
OH, MY?
WHERE HAVE THE TWO OF YOU BEEN?
SCREEK
SCREEK

SHUFFLE
Y-YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG, BOSS!
I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO COMPLETE THE ALL IMPORTANT GALACTIC BOMB!!
BUT WE'LL NEED FUNDS FOR THAT, SO...
SO THAT'S WHY I CAME UP WITH A PLAN TO KIDNAP THE HEIRESS OF A WEALTHY FAMILY!!
AND I BROUGHT "THIS THING" OUT IN ORDER TO BETTER EXECUTE THAT PLAN...
OH!
TAKE THIS! AND THAT! AND THIS!
PEW
PEW
AND WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION...
...TO USE "THIS THING"?
BOSS!! W-WELCOME BACK...
RIGHT NOW OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS THE COMPLETION OF THE GALACTIC BOMB.
YET YOU HAD THE NERVE TO PULL OUT SUCH AN OLD AND NEGATIVE RELIC FOR USE
PAHN!
YOU'VE BEEN A BAD BOY
PULL
A VERY, VERY BAD BOY.
OW OW OW!!!
TWIST
THAT WOULD MEAN THAT YOU HAVE A CLEAR IDEA ON HOW YOU WILL BE KIDNAPPING THAT RICH HEIRESS, YES?
NO!
I...I HAVEN'T EVEN BEGIN ABLE TO GET A PHOTOGRAPH OF HER...
THE BODYGUARDS PROTECTING THE HEIRESS WERE REALLY FORMIDABLE FOES! SO TO REPEL THEM, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO...!
OW OW OW!!!
HMM?
SO WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW SHE LOOKS LIKE, HUH.
FLAP

FLAP
FLAP

FOUND IT!

SEE? THINGS BECOME SO MUCH EASIER IF WE JUST HEAD DOWN TO THE SCENE FOR A BIT!
YOU'RE ALWAYS MESSING UP AT THE LAST MOMENT BECAUSE YOU INSIST ON STAYING INDOORS, LORD SATURN!


ZZZZZZZZZZTTTT
THE LIGHTINGS A BIT DIM, BUT THERE WE GO... A PHOTO OF...
... THE DAUGHTER OF BERLITZ!

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MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
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RUN ACROSS THE LAND?
TAKE VALOR SIDE TO TRESPASSING
DRIP
DRIP
FLY ACROSS THE SKY?!
HMM?
POUR
HOO BOY
WE'D BETTER LOOK FOR A PLACE TO HIDE FROM THE RAIN... AH!
HOW ABOUT THAT BUILDING THERE?
ZAAAAAA
C'MON, HURRY UP!
I WONDER IF THIS IS A HOTEL? IF IT IS, WILL WE BE STAYING HERE TONIGHT?
SPLASH
SPLASH
NO!
IF WE ARE GOING TO LODGE NEAR ROUTE 214 TONIGHT, THEN I ALREADY HAVE A HOTEL IN MIND.
NO OTHER WOULD DO!
EH?!
HOTEL GRAND LAKE!
THE MOST SOPHISTICATED HOTEL IN ALL OF SINNOH!
WE'LL BE ABLE TO RECHARGE OURSELVES THERE.
ALL RIGHT?

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PEARL?
DIAMOND?
YOU GOT IT, MISS!
ALL RIGHT, MISS!
IN ANY CASE, THIS BUILDING IS A RESTAURANT! SINCE IT'S NOONTIME ANYWAY, SHALL WE HAVE LUNCH HERE?
LUNCH
A GOOD IDEA.
I'LL GO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY SEATS FOR US!

FLIP FLAP
CAFE STARS RESTAURANT
I'VE FOUND IT. HEHEHEH.
FLIP
THAT'S COLLECT 17
YES! YES! YES!!
THE FOOT-PRINTS OF CHATOT THAT I'D ALWAYS WANTED!!

"
WHAT'S THE MATTER, CHAMINO?
SOME-ONE THERE?
NAH, IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGI-NATION!
HEH HEH HEH...
I CAN STILL GET MORE...
EXCUSE ME!
TINKLE
DO YOU HAVE A TABLE FOR THREE...?
GLARE
GLARE
W-WHAT THE...?!
WHAT'S WITH THIS ATMO-SPHERE?!
SNARL
SNARL

BOOM
BOOM
UWAAAH!
WAIT!!!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?! I'M JUST HERE FOR LUNCH, PEOPLE!!
OH DEAR, WE'RE SORRY.
THIS MUST BE YOUR FIRST TIME HERE...
FOOD ISN'T THE ONLY THING ON THIS STORE'S MENU. YOU CAN DO BATTLE WITH POKÉMON HERE AS WELL!
WE WERE MERELY EXTENDING OUR INVITATION TO YOU TO JOIN IN A BATTLE SESSION...
RIGHT?
???
YES.
YOU MAY BATTLE TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT WITHIN THE STORE'S OPENING HOURS.
open
closed
9:00 ~ 22:59
WE HAVE CUSTOMERS WHO COME HERE EVERY DAY JUST FOR THAT PURPOSE!
THE "BATTLES" BEING HELD HERE ARE IN THE SPIRIT OF SPORTS-MANSHIP...
I ALMOST WON THAT!
HEH, HOW MANY SHOULD I BRING OUT, ALLEGRO SR.?

AN ALLOWANCE, HUH... WELL, MISSY HAS BEEN FOOTING THE BILL FOR THE JOURNEY ALL THIS TIME, SO MONEY'S NOT REALLY AN ISSUE TO US...
...BUT IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT IF DIA AND I HAD SOME MONEY WE COULD USE FREELY FOR OURSELVES...
ALL RIGHT, YOU'RE ON! BUT CAN WE MAKE IT A DOUBLE BATTLE?
RIGHT THEN!
HEY, DIA! COME INSIDE! WE'RE GONNA HAVE A "BATTLE" HERE!
EEH?!
RIGHT! LET'S GET IT ON!
CHWAHKO!!
VIG!!

BOOM
BOOM
MY! DO YOU SEE THAT STEELY LOOK ON THEIR FACES?
THIS COULD GET REALLY INTERESTING!
WELL THEN, WE SHALL START FIRST!
SPEW
HIPPO-POTAS! "SAND TOMB"!!
FOLLOW UP WITH "WATER GUN"!!
SPURT

THEY THREW THE BATTLEFIELD INTO CONFUSION BY STIRRING UP A SANDSTORM, THEN ATTACKED THE FIRE-TYPE CHIMCHO WITH A DIRECT WATER-BASED ATTACK!
SPLASH
HOW-EVER ...!
THE SPEED OF MY POKÉMON IS A LOT FASTER THAN YOURS!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
DODGE THE ATTACK AND LEAP TOWARDS THE OPPONENT!
"FURY SWIPES"!!!
THEY'RE ALL YOURS, DAN! FINISH THE MATCH!
OKAY!
WIGI
GO!!
LUMINEER
STOMP
LUMINEER
"WOOD HAMMER" !!!
WHOOOOOOOOA!
WELL DONE!
SMACK
YEAH!
WE DID IT, DAN!

YOU'RE QUITE THE GOOD BATTLER!
GEE, THANKS...! BUT OUR REAL SPECIALTY IS COMEDY... HEY, I KNOW! WHY DON'T WE GIVE YOU GUYS A LIVE PERFORMANCE OF OUR DOUBLE ACT RIGHT NOW?
OOH!
YEAH! LET'S DO THAT, PEARL!

WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON...
SLINK
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON...
SLINK

YOU THINK OF POKÉMON?
AND WHAT'S A JOURNEY WITHOUT SURPRISES, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
YOU DON'T SAY.

WE THOUGHT THIS PLACE WAS A RESTAURANT... BUT WE WERE DECEIVED! TURNED OUT IT WAS A POKÉMON BATTLE ARENA!
THANKS TO THEM, I'M STUFFED!
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

BECAUSE AN ARENA INSIDE A RESTAURANT'S A LOT TO STOMACH!

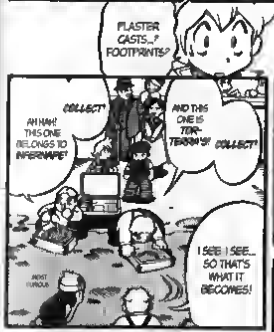
THIS AREA ISN'T MUDDY FROM THE "SAND" AND "WATER" THEY WERE USING IN THE BATTLE JUST NOW, SO...
...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO...
UH?

NOOOOO!!!
EEEEEEK!!!

!!!

MUSH!
...!!
DON'T MOVE!!

PLEASE, DON'T TRAMPLE ON THEM!
LET ME MAKE PLASTER CASTS OF THOSE FOOTPRINTS IN THE MUD FIRST!

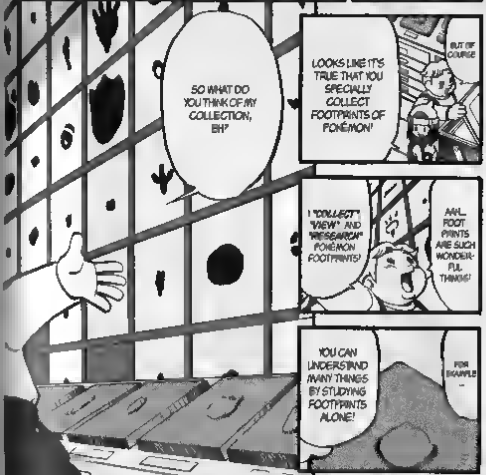

PLASTER CASTS...? FOOTPRINTS?
COLLECT!
AH HAH! THIS ONE BELONGS TO INFERNAPE!
AND THIS ONE IS TORTERRA'S! COLLECT!
I SEE! I SEE... SO THAT'S WHAT IT BECOMES!

THE GUY'S IN TEARS! LET'S JUST LISTEN TO HIS REQUEST, PEARL!
ERR... SO WHO'S THAT GUY?
AND IS IT JUST ME OR DO THE OTHER CUSTOMERS SEEM USED TO HIS PRESENCE...?
AH, THAT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE...

HIS NAME IS PUTONAKI.
ALSO KNOWN AS...

...DR. FOOTSTEP!
KEEP!
DISCARD
BLAST
WHOA!!!

AND THUS MISSY GAINS YET ANOTHER PECULIAR INTEREST...
SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO DR. FOOTSTEP'S HOUSE INSTEAD?
T'S FOR THE EXPERIENCE!
WELL, HERE WE ARE!


SO WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY COLLECTION, EH?
LOOKS LIKE IT'S TRUE THAT YOU SPECIALLY COLLECT FOOTPRINTS OF POKÉMON!
BUT OF COURSE
I "COLLECT", "VIEW", AND "RESEARCH" POKÉMON FOOTPRINTS!
AAH, FOOTPRINTS ARE SUCH WONDERFUL THINGS!
YOU CAN UNDERSTAND MANY THINGS BY STUDYING FOOTPRINTS ALONE!
FOR EXAMPLE--

YOU CAN TELL IF A POKÉMON IS WELL BY OBSERVING THE LENGTH OF ITS STRIDE.
YOU CAN KNOW HOW A BATTLE BETWEEN POKÉMON WENT BY STUDYING THE WAY THEIR FOOTPRINTS CONVERGE AND HOW THEY SHIFT THEIR WEIGHT AROUND.
HOW ATTACHED THE POKÉMON IS TO ITS TRAINER CAN ALSO BE DISCERNED BY THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THEIR FOOTPRINTS!

I COLLECTED FOOTPRINT SAMPLES OF YOU AND YOUR CHATOT JUST NOW...
YUP! I CAN TELL HE'S EXTREMELY ATTACHED TO YOU!
YOU CAN REALLY READ THE FEELINGS OF A POKÉMON JUST BY LOOKING AT ITS FOOTPRINTS!

DO YOU HAVE FOOTPRINT SAMPLES OF EVERY SINGLE SPECIES OF POKÉMON?
NAH, I'VE STILL A LONG WAY TO GO! THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO KEEP GOING BACK TO THE PLACES WHERE POKÉMON BATTLES ARE BEING HELD...
THERE ARE SO MANY POKÉMON AROUND THIS AREA THAT I WANT TO COLLECT FOOTPRINTS FROM!
BUT I GUESS HIPPOPOTAS' FOOTPRINT WILL DO FOR TODAY...
NOW IF I COULD JUST GET MY HANDS ON A HIPPOWDON'S FOOTPRINT, MY DAY WILL BE COMPLETE...
DID YOU JUST HEAR SOMETHING GROWL?
EH?!

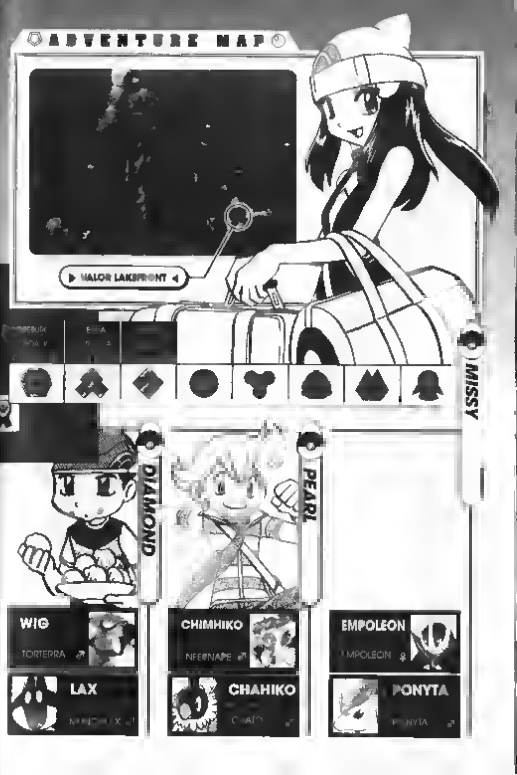
DON'T TELL ME...!!
GRRROWL

STRUGGLE
AH!

YES!! I DID IT! I MANAGED TO COLLECT THE FOOTPRINTS OF HIPPOWDON!!
W-WHAT DID YOU DO, DR. FOOTSTEP?

WELL, I SPREAD A LAYER OF SPECIAL LIQUID AROUND MY HOUSE IN ORDER TO CAPTURE THE FOOTPRINTS OF ANY POKÉMON THAT SHOULD PASS BY HERE... LOOKS LIKE IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!
EHH... THAT'S GREAT AND EVERYTHING, BUT...
GRRROWL
THIS GROWL...
UHHHH! THAT IT'S VERY ANGRY... RUN!!

BLAREEE
ROAR
THE HIPPOWDONS...
...BLOWING OUT SAND THROUGH THE HOLES ON ITS BODY!
IT SAYS HERE THAT IT'LL CREATE A STRONG...
SWIRRRL
...TORNADO!
ROOOOOOAR
AAAAAAH!!!
ROAR
ROAR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...WHERE ARE WE? THE OCEAN...?
NO...
A LAKE!!
OH WOW! THE VIEW IS ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!
RIGHT, DW?!
DW?
HUH? DW?! MISS?!
LOOKS LIKE THE TORNADO MUST'VE SEPARATED US FROM THEM... THE ONLY SET OF FOOTPRINTS HERE ARE OURS...
DASH
WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR THEM, DR. FOOTSTEP!
IT WAS YOUR FAULT FOR ANGERING THE HIPPOWOON IN THE FIRST PLACE!
UHH...
WHERE ARE WE...?
WE SEEM TO HAVE FALLEN ON THE SHORE OF THE LAKE...
SO IT SEEMS, MISS!...

I WONDER WHERE PEARL AND DR. FOOTSTEP ARE...
LOOKS LIKE THEY FELL SOME-WHERE ELSE...
BUT WELL, I'M SURE WE'LL FIND THEM AGAIN IF WE JUST WALK ALONG THE SHORELINE.
THAT'S TRUE.
STEP
STEP
STEP
SAY, MISS!...
YES, DIAMOND?
YOU KNOW? THE LAKE ALWAYS MAKES ME REMEMBER SOMETHING...
AND WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
WELL, SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED WHEN WE WERE MUCH YOUNGER.
THERE'S A LAKE NEAR TWINLEAF TOWN TOO, THAT'S OUR HOMETOWN... CALLED "LAKE VERITY".
I THINK IT WAS WHEN WE WERE STILL IN NURSERY SCHOOL...
A PAIR OF FAMOUS COMEDIANS FROM JOHTO VISITED THE NURSERY DURING AN EVENT.
THEY WERE THE DOUBLE ACT THAT KNOWN AS MASTERS BLUE SKY PUFFIN AND PURIN.
THAT WAS THE 1ST TIME WE'D EVER SEEN A DOUBLE ACT. IT WAS SIMPLY... UNFORGETTABLE!
THERE'S A PLACE CALLED "LAKE OF RAGE" IN JOHTO'S MAHOGANY TOWN, AM I RIGHT?
RIGHT YOU ARE.
THEY SAY THAT THERE MAY BE A RED GYARADOS LIVING IN THAT LAKE...
...AND I WENT THERE TO TRY TO CAPTURE IT!
THAT'S AWESOME! SO HOW DID IT GO?
THERE WAS NO RED GYARADOS, BUT I DID MANAGE TO CATCH A RED MAGIKARP!
WOW!!
BUT... AREN'T ALL MAGIKARPS RED ANYWAY...?
SHEESH!
YOU'RE HOPELESS!
SAY, DIA!
WHAT IS IT, PEARL?

ACCORDING TO THE DOUBLE ACT THERE'S A RED GYARADOS IN JOHTO LAKE, RIGHT? DON'T YOU WISH YOU COULD'VE SEEN IT?
YUP. SURE DO!
THERE'S A LAKE NEAR OUR TOWN TOO, ISN'T THERE? MAYBE THE RED GYARADOS IS SOMEWHERE THERE!!
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
LAKE VERITY
THE LAKE'S QUICKLY BECAME OUR FAVORITE SPOT TO SECRETLY FISH.
THE TWO OF US HEADED FOR LAKE VERITY, BUT... WELL... WE WERE ONLY FOUR YEARS OLD BACK THEN...
KIND OF...
...LIKE WE WERE RIGHT THERE.
THINKING THAT I MIGHT EVENTUALLY BUMP INTO PEARL IF I JUST FOLLOWED THE SHORELINE...
...I STARTED WALKING BY MYSELF.
AND THEN...
THAT LIGHT WAS MOVING ABOVE THE ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE...
BUT IT DISAPPEARED SOON AFTER.
IT SEEMED LIKE I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS RIGHT AFTER THAT HAPPENED...
AND I WAS RESCUED BY PEARL AND HER DAD WHO CAME TO SEARCH FOR US.

I WONDER WHAT IT WAS...
...I'D REMEMBER THAT FLASH OF LIGHT.
SO EVERY TIME I HEAR SOMETHING ABOUT A "LAKE"...

AND WHAT DID HE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT?
AH... I DIDN'T TELL PEARL ABOUT IT.
WHY NOT?
WELL... FOR ALL I KNOW IT MAY HAVE JUST BEEN A DREAM OF MINE. SO...

THEN WHY TELL ME...
...SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM?
YOU KNOW WHAT...?
I'M NOT SURE MYSELF EITHER...

HMM!!
THIS IS...!! THIS IS...!!

ANGR...! DR. FOOTSTEP!
I'D LIKE TO MEET UP WITH DIA AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU...?
SHH!!

LOOK AT THIS! THE FOOTPRINTS OF A STRAIA'IA! AND IT SEEMS RATHER ANGRY!
BUT...

...IF THERE ARE STRAIA'IA HERE, THEN IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE FOR THERE TO BE STRAIAPTOR AROUND TOO
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUSLY TELLING ME YOU INTEND TO COLLECT FOOTPRINTS AT A TIME LIKE THIS...!

B-BUT... I'VE BEEN TRYING TO COLLECT THE STRAIAPTOR'S FOOTPRINT FOR AGES!!
AND TO SHINE!

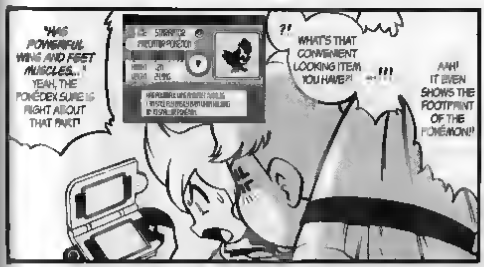
AH HAH!!
THERE IT IS!

FLAP

COME ON! COME DOWN HERE STRAIAPTOR!
COME STEP ON DR. FOOTSTEP'S SPECIAL STICKY SHOES!!
AHHHH! AND IT'S JUST BROKEN OUT ALL OVER MY FACE...

JUST GIVE ME A SINGLE FOOT PRINT!
WHA... WHAT THE...?! IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN HERE!
FLA

FLAP
THAT'S RIGHT! COME ON OVER HERE!
FLAP
ALL RIGHT! STEADY THERE!
FLAP FLAP
EEH ?!
C'MMMM!!
GRAB
FLAP FLAP FLAP
GRUNT
T...THIS THING IS STRONG! OUR COMBINED WEIGHT IS NOTHING TO BE SNEEZED AT, AND YET IT'S HOISTING US UP!!
EEH!!


"HAS POWERFUL WINGS AND FEET MUSCLES..."
YEAH, THE POKÉDEX SURE IS RIGHT ABOUT THAT PART!
?!
WHAT'S THAT CONVENIENT LOOKING ITEM YOU HAVE?!
!!!
AAH! IT EVEN SHOWS THE FOOTPRINT OF THE POKÉMON!!

LET ME SEE IT! WHAT ABOUT THE FOOTPRINTS OF OTHER POKÉMON...?!
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
DR. FOOTSTEP!! NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THAT!!
A
FLAP
H!!!

DON'T SAY THAT! HOW CAN IT BE FOUL WITH SO MANY FOOTPRINTS WAITING TO BE COLLECTED?
OR SHOULD I SAY, FOWL-PRINTS?
JUST KIDDING!
IT'S NOT FUNNY!!
SIGH
SIDE?! SEE?! ARGH! THIS HAS GOT TO BE ONE OF THE FOULEST DAY OF MY LIFE!

THAT'S IT--DR. FOOTSTEP! YOU SAID YOU CAN TELL HOW A POKÉMON IS FEELING JUST BY LOOKING AT THEIR FOOTPRINTS, RIGHT?
YEAH.
THEN HOW IS THIS POKÉMON FEELING NOW?
LET ME SEE...
"I'M KINDA TIRED OF THIS GAME..."
HMM
"TIME FOR ME TO UNLOAD THE BAGGAGE!"
THAT'S THE FEELING I'M GETTING FROM THIS FELLOW'S FOOTPRINT!
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!! STRAWPTOR! PLEASE RECONSIDER!!
CHARMD! DO SOMETHING TO SNAP STRAWPTOR OUT OF ITS FOUL MOOD!
IT'S NOT FUNNY, YOU KNOW!
I WASN'T MAKING A JOKE!!
"IF YOU'RE GONNA TROP US, DON'T DO IT WHEN WE'RE STILL ON TOP OF THE LAKE!"
OH YEAH!! AT LEAST...
AT LEAST DROP US ON THAT ISLAND...
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE!!
MUSH! DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING JUST NOW?
YES... THEY TWO OF THEM MAY BE SOMEWHERE NEARBY!
HEY!!!
SMASH

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING HERE?

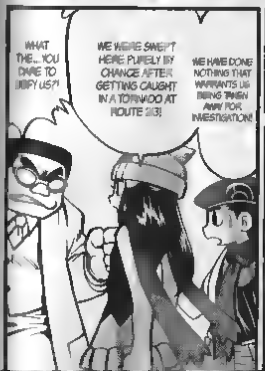
GRAB
WE'LL HAVE TO CHECK ON YOU TWO, COME WITH US!

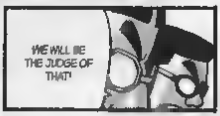
SMACK!

LANE VALOR IS CURRENTLY OFF-LIMITS!
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE SIGN OUTSIDE?

LANE VALOR?
OH! SO THAT'S WHAT THIS LANE IS CALLED...

SHEESH! AND I THOUGHT WE'D ALREADY SEALED OFF THE ONLY ENTRANCE TO THE LANE!
YOU GUYS MUST BE REALLY GOOD TO HAVE MADE YOUR WAY INSIDE HERE!


WHAT THE... YOU DARE TO DISPUTE US?!
WE WERE SWEPT HERE PURELY BY CHANCE AFTER GETTING CAUGHT IN A TORNADO AT ROUTE 213!
WE HAVE DONE NOTHING THAT WARRANTS US BEING TAKEN AWAY FOR INVESTIGATION!


WE WILL BE THE JUDGE OF THAT!

WE'RE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A FRIEND WHO WAS SEPARATED FROM US!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE INTENDED TO DO ANYTHING HERE!
WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE IMMEDIATELY ONCE WE FIND HIM, SO KINDLY LEAVE US ALONE UNTIL THEN!

BESIDES, THIS LAKE DOESN'T BELONG TO ANY ONE PERSON!
WHO GAVE YOU THE AUTHORIZATION TO BARRICADE THIS PLACE ANYWAY?
ON MR. CYRUS' ORDERS, WE ARE NOT TO ALLOW ANYBODY TO STEP INTO THE LAKE
DOES THIS ANSWER SATISFY YOU?
IT WAS MR. CYRUS, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIVERSE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHO HAD COMMANDED US TO DO SO.
MISSY...
PLEASE STAND BACK!!

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WE'RE GOING TO GET PINCHED BY MR. CYRUS AT THIS RATE!
ALLOWING TRESPASSERS INTO THE LAKE WAS A FAILURE ON OUR PART... SO WE MUST FIND A WAY TO UNDO IT...!!
MISS! PLEASE GET BACK QUICKLY!
LAY, STONE!
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLASH
CLASH
SLASH
SLASH

SPLIT
RUMBLE RUMBLE
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO.
TAKE US ON?
YOU BET!!!
WHO! STOP THE ATTACK!!
BOOM
CLANG
HOW'S THAT?!
HMM?
GETTING ALL SMELL HEADED BECAUSE YOU STOPPED THE ATTACK WITH YOUR POKÉMON'S HARD SHELL?
THEN I'M GUESSING YOU PROBABLY ASSUMED THAT ARMORETTE'S HANDS ARE ONLY FOR CUTTING, CORRECT?
SCREEE
BUT "CUTTING" ISN'T WHAT THOSE KNIFE-LIKE HANDS ARE MADE FOR!
SLICE
THEY'RE MADE FOR "PLAYING"
!!

BE CAREFUL DIAMOND!
THE MACHOKE TUNE IS ABLE TO MAKE ANYONE LAUGH REGARDLESS!
YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT
THAT'S RIGHT! AND ALONG WITH THAT MELODY IT MAKES THEM'S...
"SING"!!!
SLUMP
FLOP
SHUFFLE
DON'T FALL ASLEEP WIG!!
THE WHAMPON...!!
SLASH
THE CRAMPON INSTANTLY MADE A NICK ON THE TREE, AND IT...
LAX!!
RUN INTO ITS BLIND SPOT!
TURN TURN
CRAWL
TURN TURN
SLAAM

YOU FOOL! THE DRAPION CAN TURN ITS HEAD A FULL 180 DEGREES! IT HAS NO BLIND SPOTS AT ALL!
THIS ONE HAS BLADES...
THIS ONE HAS BLADES, TOO!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO FIGHT THEM AT CLOSE RANGE!
CLICK
LET'S RETREAT FOR NOW, DIAMOND!
RETURN TORTERRA TO HIS POKÉBALL
SHOOSH
WE WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY!!
BOOM
CRASH

H-HMSSL... IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO RETREAT BC THAT WE CAN PUT SOME SPACE BETWEEN THEM AND US, BUT...
...DON'T YOU THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE FACT THAT...
...I'M ON PONYTA WHILE YOU'RE RUNNING ON FOOT?
PONYTA IS A ONE-SEATER.
AND ALTHOUGH I COMMANDED PONYTA TO KEEP A DISTANCE FROM THEM...
...YOU'RE STILL GOING TO BE THE ONE DOING BATTLE

YOU'RE GOING TO PROTECT ME...
...RIGHT?

YEAH!

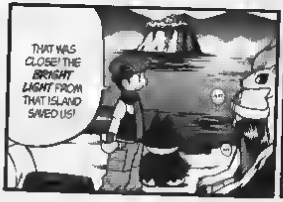
THOSE GUYS ARE TAILING US AT TOP SPEED...
...AND WE'RE RUNNING AWAY FROM THEM AT TOP SPEED AS WELL!
IF I CAN MAKE USE OF THIS SPEED TO LEAP TOWARDS THEM...
NOW THAT WIGGLYTUFF IS ASLEEP, I'M ONLY LEFT WITH LAX. THIS METHOD MAY COVER UP FOR MY LACK OF SHEER POWER.
THE PROBLEM LIES WITH TIMING...
IF I CAN JUST FIND A WAY TO CATCH BOTH OF THEM OFF GUARD... EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR A SPLIT SECOND...
LAX!
HANDS OVER...
TOSS
TOSS
TOSS
SMACK
THE HECK IS THIS?!
BERRIES ?!
THE MUNCHLAX IS FLINGING THE BERRIES HIDDEN UNDER ITS LONG FUR AT US!
YOU WON'T STOP US WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
IT'S NOT WORKING!
BUMP
WHAM!
THUMP
AH...
GAME OVER, KIDS!!
"CROSS POISON"!!!
"X-SCISSOR"!!!
RO
ROOOAR

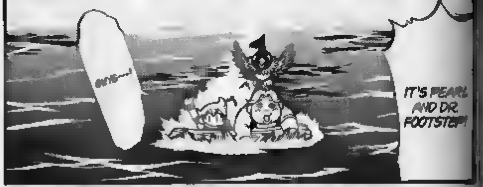
AFL
ARE

"ROLL-OUT"!
STUMP
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL

HYAH!
CRASH
CRASH
CRASH
CRASH

UGH...

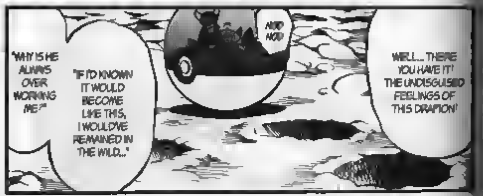

THAT WAS CLOSE! THE BRIGHT LIGHT FROM THAT ISLAND SAVED US!
AH!


IT'S PEARL AND DR. FOOTSTEP!

PHEW! MAN! THAT WAS QUITE AN ADVENTURE WE JUST WENT THROUGH! WE WERE DROPPED ON THE ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE, AND...
HMM?
W-WHAT THE?! WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?! WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!
ACTUALLY, IT'S LIKE THIS...

AND SO... YOU TOOK CARE OF THEM? A-ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT?
IT'LL BE FINE! THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY BAD GUYS, ANYWAY.

I CAN TELL FROM THE FOOTPRINTS OF THE POKÉMON THEY HAVE WITH THEM, YOU KNOW
FOR EXAMPLE...


"WHY IS HE ALWAYS OVER-WORKING ME?"
"IF I'D KNOWN IT WOULD BECOME LIKE THIS, I WOULD'VE REMAINED IN THE WILD..."
AND HOO!
WELL... THERE YOU HAVE IT! THE UNDISGUISED FEELINGS OF THIS DRAPION!

AND AS FOR THE BROWSE-TUNE HERE...
ALL RIGHT ALREADY! WE GET IT, DR. FOOT-STEP!
SIGH...

WE WERE SAVED BY A FLASH OF LIGHT FROM THAT ISLAND OVER THERE!
YOU WERE ON THE ISLAND AT THAT TIME, WEREN'T YOU? SO WHAT WAS THAT LIGHT?

...

HMM? I...I DON'T REMEMBER...
YOU DON'T SAY...
YEAH...

YOU GAVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT THIS TIME TOO, DIDN'T YOU, MISSY!
GOOD JOB THERE!
WHY, YES... I DID PUT IN MY BEST EFFORT, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF...

I'M REALLY...
...SO...
TIRED...

CHIRP CHIRP
HMM?
UHH...
WHERE...
ISN'T THIS THE SAME PLACE WE WERE AT YESTERDAY?!
A SLEEPING BAG?!
I...I ACTUALLY CAMPED OUTDOORS?!
I WANTED TO STAY AT HOTEL GRAND LAKE, THE MOST SOPHISTICATED HOTEL OF SINNOH...!!
DEPRESSED
THEY SAY THE VIEW FROM THE HOTEL IS THE BEST IN ALL OF SINNOH... I REALLY WANTED TO WATCH THE SUNRISE FROM LAKE VALOR WHILE LOUNGING IN THEIR SPECIAL VIP GUEST ROOM...
TING TUNG
WHAT IS IT, LUCAS?
THIS MAJESTIC AURA... THE CHIRPING OF THE FLYING POKÉMON... THE SOUND OF THE WAVES... THE BREATH OF NATURE...
I AM ONLY ABLE TO...
...EXPERIENCE THESE WONDERFUL FEELINGS BECAUSE I'M HERE.
BEEP BEEP BEEP
HEY, WAKE UP!
BEEP BEEP
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK SLEEPY.
WE DIDN'T WAKE YOU UP BECAUSE YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE SLEEPING REALLY SOUNDLY. HERE! THIS IS A SPECIAL SOUP I MADE!
HEY! HOW ABOUT WE DO A MARINE UP CALL DOUBLE ACT FOR YOU?
SO MANY THINGS SURE HAPPENED AT LAKE VALOR, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
YOU DON'T SAY!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE PEACE HAS RETURNED TO THIS PLACE AFTER JUST ONE NIGHT!
YEAH! YOU COULD CALL IT "LAKE QUIET" NOW!
FLAKE QUIET..
FLAKE NOISY!!
SILENCE
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S DPT. FOOT-STEP?
OH YEAH... I GUESS YOU DIDN'T NOTICE BECAUSE YOU WERE FAST ASLEEP?
HE LEFT LAST NIGHT TO TURN THOSE TWO GUYS OVER TO THE POLICE.
AND HE GAVE US THIS BEFORE HE WENT BACK!

A "FOOT-PRINT RIBBON"!!
HE SAID HE COULD TELL THAT OUR POKÉMON ARE VERY ATTACHED TO US FROM THEIR FOOTPRINTS, AND THAT THE RIBBON WAS PROOF OF THAT FACT!
IS THAT SO?
IN ANY CASE WE'VE GONE WAY OFF COURSE HERE.
LET'S HURRY THE NEXT ROUTE WILL BE...
OOH, THOSE ARE WEAVILE FOOTPRINTS OVER THERE!
JUST DROP US TO THE POLICE PLEASE--!
ADVENTURE MAP
ROUTE 213
DIAMOND
PEARL
MISSY
WIG
TORTERRA
LAX
CHIMCHIKO
INFERNAPE
CHAHIKO
EMPOLEON
MAOLEON
PONYTA

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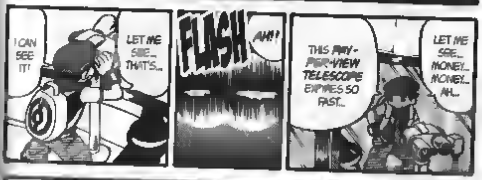
VS SKORUP!

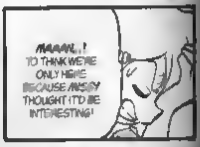


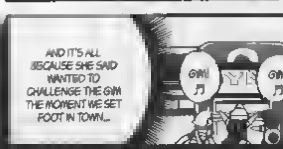
BUT I'M NOT TOO WORRIED, BECAUSE WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF ALLOWANCE!
HEY, DIA!
ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP LOOKING? IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE TRAIN TO SET OFF!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKE-MON!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKEMON
YOU THINK OF TRAIN TRAVELING!
YOU DON'T SAY!

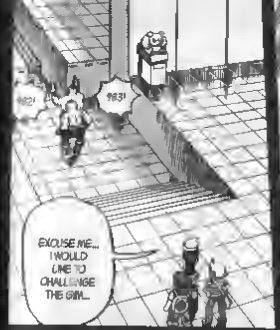
MARSH TRAIN QUICK WILL BE DEPARTING FROM AREA SIX SOON AT 1330 HOURS.
AND WE REALLY NEED TO "TRAIN" OURSELVES TO BE ON TIME!
LET'S HOP ON...
PEARL!
DIAMOND!
RIGHT BEHIND YOU, MISS!!
OKAY, MISS!!
TRAIN QUICK WILL BE DEPARTING NOW!
KATHUNK
KATHUNK

WOW!
AWE SOME!
AS THE TRIO CONTINUE ON THEIR JOURNEY TO FIND A WAY BACK TO MT. CORONET THEY SOON ARRIVE AT PASTORIA CITY.
THE PASTORIA GREAT MARSH IS SO HUGE!
YOU HAVE TO TRAVEL AROUND THE GREAT MARSH ON TRAIN EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST A PLACE IN THE CITY! RIGHT, DIA?
YEAH!!

IS THAT SOMETHING UNUSUAL? I HAVE TO GET AROUND MY ESTATE IN A CAR TOO, SO...
KLONK

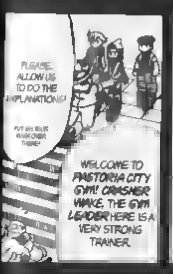

MAAAN...! TO THINK WE'RE ONLY HERE BECAUSE ANSLY THOUGHT IT'D BE INTERESTING!

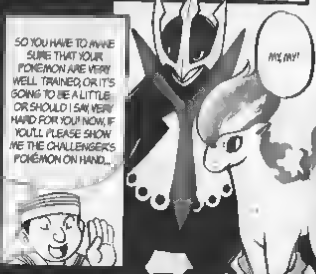

AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE SHE SAID WANTED TO CHALLENGE THE GYM THE MOMENT WE SET FOOT IN TOWN...
GYM!
GYM!
WELL, SHE'S PROBABLY HOOKED ON THIS AFTER DOING BATTLE WITH ROARK, GARDENIA, AND MAYLENE...


HIGH!
YES!
EXCUSE ME... I WOULD LIKE TO CHALLENGE THE GYM...

WHAT?! YOU WISH TO CHALLENGE THE GYM!!

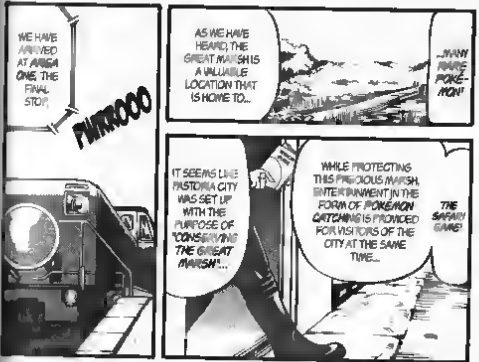
EXCELLENT! IN THAT CASE...
...NO! YOU CAN'T, MR. WAKE!
YOU'RE NOT WEARING YOUR MASK, SIR!


PLEASE... ALLOW US TO DO THE EXPLANATION!
PUT MY BLUE MASK OVER THERE!
WELCOME TO PASTORIA CITY GYM! CRASHER WAKE, THE GYM LEADER HERE IS A VERY STRONG TRAINER.

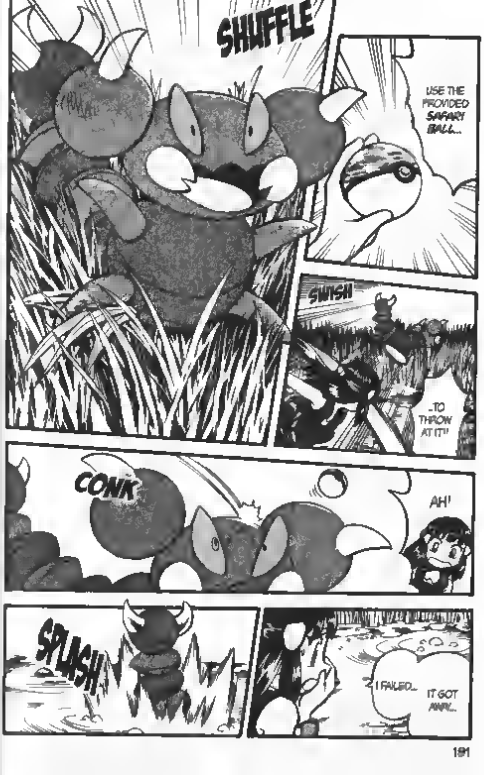

SO YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR POKÉMON ARE VERY WELL TRAINED, OR IT'S GOING TO BE A LITTLE OR SHOULD I SAY, VERY HARD FOR YOU! NOW, IF YOU'LL PLEASE SHOW ME THE CHALLENGER'S POKÉMON ON HAND...
MY, MY!

IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE? WELL... THEY DON'T LOOK WEAK, BUT... DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF POKÉMON CRASHER WAKE SPECIALIZES IN?
NO, I DON'T
!!
SMASH!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! BEHOLD THE "WATER-TYPE" SPECIALIST! THE TORRENTIAL MASHED MASTER WHO NEUTRALIZES EVERYTHING THAT GETS IN HIS WAY WITH "WATER"!!
CRASHER WAKE HERE, AT YOUR SERVICE!! WAH HAH HAH HAH!!
-
AH!
THAT'S THE UNCLE WHO WAS DOING SQUATS JUST NOW!
N-NO! YOU'RE MISTAKEN!! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

AHEM... BUT ANYWAY, DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?
YES! IN POKÉMON TYPE COMPATIBILITY "WATER" IS WEAK AGAINST "GRASS" RIGHT?
THAT IS CORRECT! THEREFORE, PLEASE GET YOURSELF COMPLETELY READY BY CATCHING A GRASS-TYPE POKÉMON IN THE GREAT MARSH!
THE GREAT MARSH!!
IT'S LIKE THIS...
OH, I SEE
WELL THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? TO THE GREAT MARSH IT IS!
AW, MAN! YOU MADE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SHOW YOUR TRUE FACE TO THE CHALLENGERS LIST THIS GYM, WASN'T YOU!?
OH, JUST THEIR CHIEF ASSISTANT WHO'S HELPING TOUYA WITH CHALLENGERS, I MEAN...

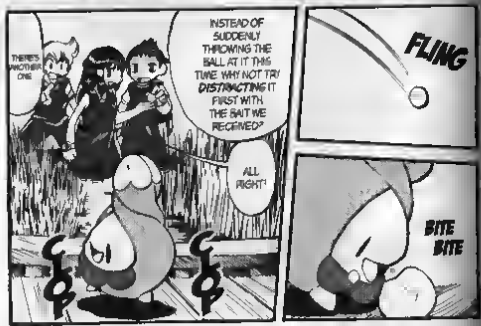

WE HAVE ARRIVED AT ARISA ONE, THE FINAL STOP.
PHKKOOO
AS WE HAVE HEARD, THE GREAT MARSH IS A VALUABLE LOCATION THAT IS HOME TO...
...MANY RARE POKÉMON!
IT SEEMS LIKE PASTORIA CITY WAS SET UP WITH THE PURPOSE OF "CONSERVING THE GREAT MARSH"!
WHILE PROTECTING THIS PRECIOUS MARSH, ENTERTAINMENT IN THE FORM OF POKÉMON CATCHING IS PROVIDED FOR VISITORS OF THE CITY AT THE SAME TIME...
THE SAFARI GAME!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S TRY OUR HAND AT THIS CATCHING GAME WITHOUT FURTHER ADO!
LOCATE THE AREA WHERE THE POKÉMON I WANT IS MOST LIKELY TO BE AT IN ADVANCE WITH THE TELESCOPE AT THE OBSERVATORY, PAY THE PARTICIPATION FEE, TAKE THE TRAIN THERE...
...ENTER THE SWAMP-LIKE MARSH, AND START WALKING AROUND!
WHEN A POKÉMON PROMPTLY SHOWS UP IN THE MARSH AREA...
RUSTLE


SHUFFLE
USE THE PROVIDED SAFARI BALL...
SWISH
...TO THROW AT IT!!
CONK
AH!
SPLASH
I FAILED...
IT GOT AWAY...

IT CAN'T BE HELPED YOU KNOW, MISS?!
THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME TRYING TO CATCH A WILD POKÉMON SINCE THE START OF OUR JOURNEY, RIGHT?

WE WERE GIVEN 30 SAFARI BALLS.
THE GAME ENDS WHEN YOU FINISH USING UP ALL THEM, SO JUST BE CAREFUL AND SAVE YOUR TIME, MISS!!
RUSTLE


THERE'S ANOTHER ONE
INSTEAD OF SUDDENLY THROWING THE BALL AT IT THIS TIME, WHY NOT TRY DISTRACTING IT FIRST WITH THE BAIT WE RECEIVED?
ALL RIGHT!
COP
COP
FLING
BITE BITE

YES! IT BIT THE BAIT!!

THIS SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO CATCH. MISS!, THROW THE BALL AT IT!!
YES!
SWISH

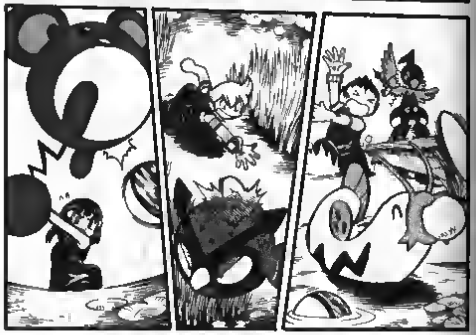
SNAP

WE DID IT!

SHAKE SHAKE

AAH!
POP!
FAILED AGAIN!

DON'T GET DISCOURAGED BY JUST ONE OR TWO FAILURES!! KEEP AT IT!!
YES!!



HUFF... HUFF... MAN THIS IS SUPERFRIGHTFULLY HARD...
BUT I THINK WE'VE GOTTEN PRETTY USED TO THIS... SEEMS LIKE THE TRICK TO CATCHING THEM IS TO THROW BAIT AND MUD AT THEM AT THE SAME TIME...
HMM?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MISE?
THE SPLATTERED MUD IS GETTING INTO MY EYES...
THEN WEAR GOGGLES OR SOMETHING!!

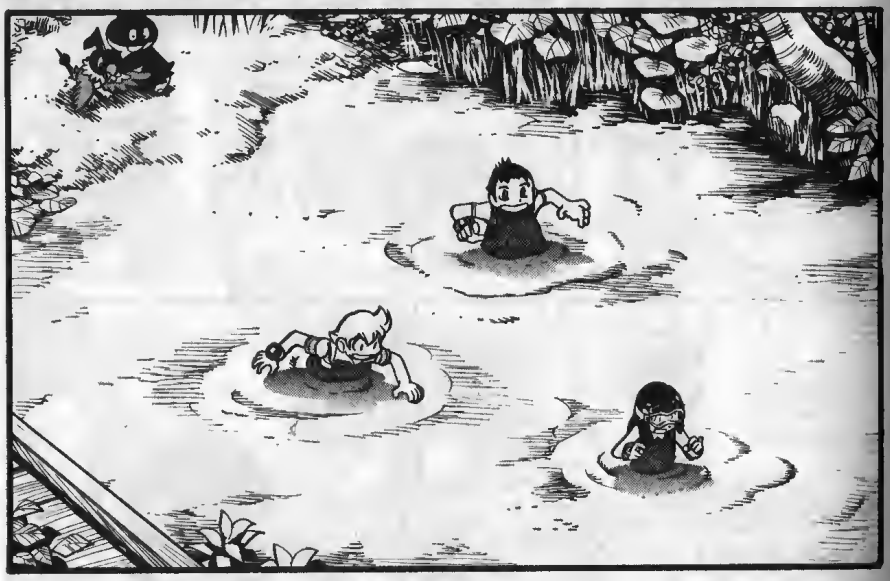
POOR MISE... I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HER...
SNIRK
YEAH... AFTER ALL, THE MORE EXCITED YOU ARE ABOUT SOMETHING, THE MORE FRUSTRATED YOU BECOME WHEN YOU CAN'T GET IT...

HOW MANY SAFARI BALLS DO WE HAVE LEFT, DAI?
LET ME SEE... ALTOGETHER, WE HAVE THREE MORE BALLS LEFT.

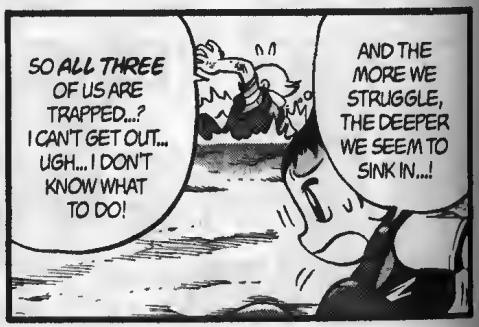
OH!
OH DEAR.
SINK
SINK
SINK

WE HAVE TO CATCH SOME-THING!
ANYTHING! JUST ONE POKÉMON WILL DO...
A GRASS-TYPE POKÉ-MON.

WHAT'S WRONG, MISSY?
I...I CAN'T MOVE!
HANG ON! I'LL HELP YOU...
SINK SINK
ACK!!
PEARL! MISSY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...
SINK SINK



IT'S REALLY DEEP HERE... MY WHOLE BODY IS TRAPPED IN THE MUD!
ME TOO!
ME THREE...


SO ALL THREE OF US ARE TRAPPED...? I CAN'T GET OUT... UGH... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
AND THE MORE WE STRUGGLE, THE DEEPER WE SEEM TO SINK IN...!

P-PLEASE DON'T MAKE IT SOUND SO SCARY!!
JUST CALM DOWN, MISSY!

IF WE JUST STAY STILL...
...THAT MAY WORK ON THE WILD POKÉMON IN THIS SWAMP AREA, BUT...
...THERE ARE ALSO WILD POKÉMON IN THE GRASS, THE TREES, NEAR THE WATER... ALL OVER THE PLACE!

FOR NOW, WE HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO THINK ABOUT THAN ESCAPING!
LIKE FOR EXAMPLE... WHAT WILL WE DO IF WILD POKÉMON SHOULD ATTACK US WHILE WE'RE TRAPPED HERE?

SOMETHING THAT MAY SEEM LIKE A PLANT AT FIRST GLANCE...

...MAY ACTUALLY BE A POKÉMON!
SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENS PRETTY OFTEN, YOU KNOW!
STRETCH
IN PLACE LIKE THIS, THAT IS...!

SLITHER
SLITHER

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FREEWARNS!
THE CHALLENGERS WILL BE HERE SOON, RIGHT?
ACTOR BANS THIS PLACE. SPACE AND STAR
WIPE
WIPE
ALL RIGHT! LET THE WATER, IN!
HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA
AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, TOSS THE [illegible] IN HIS WELL!
HAHA HAHA HAHA~!
WIPE
WIPE
TO BE CONTINUED...

CELESTIC TOWN!
IN THE TOWN WHERE "THE PAST LIVES"...
...THE THREE OF THEM...
...SHALL MEET THAT MAN AGAIN!!
ATTACK --!!

T-THIS IS...!
YOUR DAUGHTER ISN'T IT...
...MR. BERLITZ ?
I HAVE...
...KID-NAPPED HER.
WILL THIS EVENT...
...EVENTUALLY CHANGE...
...THE DUO'S RELATIONSHIP...?!
...
...I'M NOT STUPID, YOU KNOW...
YOU'RE ALWAYS FOISTING YOUR STUFF ON ME...
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO TELL YOU THIS FOR A LONG TIME...
GRAB
I'M NOT YOUR UNDERLING, PEARL!
ACT ON YOUR WILL! RELEASE YOUR FEELINGS!

IN-DEPTH FEATURE OF THE SINNOH REGION!!

THIS IS IT!

A land overflowing with trees and mountain ranges! A climate that is both cool and warm! We're talking about the **Sinnoh region**, the stage of the trio's journey! In this feature, we will look at some areas of interest while having a panoramic view of the entire area! The key to the journey may be hidden in "history" or in certain something in that certain area!!

LAKE ACUITY

LAKE VALOR

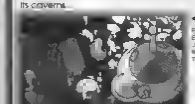
LAKE VERITY

AN ABUNDANCE OF LUSH NATURE

MT CORONET

OVERFLOWING WITH THE EARTH'S ENERGY!

An extremely large mountain in the center of the land which splits the region into east and western areas. Truly a sight to behold! There appears to be a certain kind of "power" lurking deep within its caverns...



POSSIBLY EVEN EXCEEDS THOSE THE LEGENDARY POKÉMON

MANY PASSED DOWN LEGENDS AND MONUMENTS

MURALS

PROTECTING THE HISTORICAL TOWN...

Celestic Town is especially famous in the relic-filled Sinnoh for having many "murals". The past! The secret of the murals in the monument walls is being guarded by the clan of elders.

TOWN ELDERS ARE ALLOWED PASS THIS

THE ONE WHO CREATED THIS REGION

WHAT IS THE FIGURE THAT HAS BEEN LEFT BEHIND IN THE VARIOUS AREAS?!

The statue at Eterna City and the motif of something similar found in Celestic Town tells a story of a past of unprecedented scale in this very region!

THE TWO FIGURES APPEAR TO BE FACING EACH OTHER.

THAT APPEARS TO BE HUGE FIGURE!

LITERATURE

THE FOCUS OF MANY RESEARCHERS!

There is a great amount of ancient literature in Canalave City. Information is preserved in the "library" here, and people are free to browse through them.

IT IS OFTEN USED AS THE SITE OF MANY ACADEMY CONFERENCES.

POKÉMON ACADEMY CONFERENCE

THE THREE GREAT LAKES

LAKES THAT SYMBOLIZE THE HEART!

A mysterious series of the fingers around the three lakes that are situated to the north, east, and west of the region. What lies beneath their beautiful surfaces?

WELL, WHERE ARE THEY? I'M SENSING SOMETHING AS WELL.

AND THERE ARE MANY OTHER FACILITIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

On one hand, this region is surrounded by history and nature. On the other hand, there are also many facilities equipped with the latest technology all over the area! There are plans to set up facilities specializing in battles, as well as for Pokémon capturing shows! Look forward to it!

UNDER CONSTRUCTION